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PRIMARY SCHOOL WINS AN ANTI-BULLYING COMPETITION



ABOVE: Holton Road pupils won a Vale Council anti-bullying competition and received the award from the cabinet member for children's services Coun Chris Elmore. (See story below).

THE Vale Council has announced that Holton Primary School has won an anti-bullying competition.

Teacher Mrs Sarah Rogers, who is responsible for the school council, said: "The children gained a huge amount from the wide variety of activities they took part in throughout anti-bullying week."

"A particular success was an 'anti-bullying message wall' to which every child in the school contributed. The school council worked hard to put a booklet together to show the work that had taken place. The children are absolutely delighted to have won the first prize of £100 and to have had their work acknowledged."

Coun Chris Elmore, cabinet member for children's services, who judged the competition, said: "What a fantastic achievement. I want to congratulate all the pupils from Holton Primary School as their hard work has paid off."

Entertainment at Nell's Point?

OUTDOOR entertainment could become a feature of the former Butlins' site on Barry Island - if a new proposal is given the green light.

Councillors will consider the idea at a meeting today (Thursday, February 27). Work costing £3m is currently under way on regenerating the Island's eastern promenade and the notion that plays and concerts could be held nearby might be persuasive to councillors.

However, last month when local residents were given the chance to respond to the proposal, some had doubts. At the time, Mr Keith Mabbs, who lives just 100 yards from the site, told The GEM: "This application is for things such as live music and dancing - activities that have generally taken place on the front."

"We already suffer disturbances due to noise from the Pleasure Park and from traffic. I think this would be unfair to local people."

Firefighters battle leisure centre blaze

FIREFIGHTERS battled a blaze at Penarth Leisure Centre on Sunday evening after customers were forced to flee the building.

The drama took place at 5.14pm on February 23, as people were relaxing in the pool, sauna and jacuzzi areas.

The blaze is believed to have started in a sauna room. Some customers tried to douse flames with buckets of water, but were forced out by billowing smoke.

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

Semi-clad people stood in the car park wrapped in thermal blankets while firefighters arrived to tackle the blaze.

A Fire Brigade spokesman said: "The fire was in the ground floor of the leisure centre and all the people were accounted for."

"The area was cordoned off by the police and ambulances and the Vale emergency planning department were in attendance."

Six pumping appliances attended the scene and firefighters used multiple jets to put out the fire.

A spokesperson for the Vale Council said: "As soon as the fire was detected, the building was evacuated, in accordance with safety procedures and there were no injuries".

Shortly before The GEM went to press South Wales Fire Service said that the fire was an accident.

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'Rural Vale's hypocrisy over housing plans'

NOW that the housing representation forms have been published on-line, it is interesting to note how many residents living in the rural Vale and the surrounding towns and villages of Barry have asked for Weycock Cross to be included in the LDP.

This is a case of sour grapes on their part, as they try to shift the emphasis from their communities on to an already overburdened Barry.

Those individuals should all be ashamed, as we all have these problems.

I would also like to set the record straight – that this site is in a semi-rural location, without a proper footpath or public transport links.

Green Farm is currently active agricultural land. Why then is it OK for those living in the rural Vale to ask for this to be built upon when you are against it in your own location? This is hypocritical.

Children and grandchildren of residents from the rural Vale will be denied the opportunity to purchase their own homes where they grew up.

The rural Vale are always complaining about a lack of public transport and facilities. This will always be the case unless they allow their villages to grow. Surely a larger village means a more sustainable village?

Over the years, Barry has taken a disproportionate number of housing with no improvements to its infrastructure.

Debra Cleland, Barry

Call for cat owners to act on 'Spay Day'

THIS 'World Spay Day', the RSPCA is urging pet owners to protect their cats from having unplanned litters of kittens.

Recent research carried revealed that 85 per cent of litters are a mistake. This is mainly because people don't realise that cats can get pregnant from as young as four months, while they are still kittens themselves.

There is a romanticised myth that cats should be allowed to have at least one litter of kittens – but cats aren't like people and don't choose to get pregnant like we do.

Our research showed pet owners found the reality of having these kittens is not what they imagined, and the overwhelming response at that point from cat owners was 'never again!'

Allowing your cat to be spayed or snipped, also saves it from health risks. Tomcats who haven't been snipped, are more likely to wander off and get into fights, which can lead to them getting diseases.

You may be able to get help with the cost of spaying or snipping your cat. Please visit

www.RSPCA.org.UK/cat for more information.

Justine Panetta, RSPCA Senior Campaigns Manager.

Lost landmarks

I'M in full agreement with Christopher McKay's letter concerning the 118-year-old signal box which is to be demolished.

Why are all Barry's landmarks gradually being erased from its history? Other examples are the loss of the Theatre Royal to a monstrous block of flats, and the Dinam Hall to waste ground.

I ask myself, what next?

George Carstairs, Barry

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FOODBANKS A VITAL PART OF LIFE FOR FAMILIES IN POVERTY

IWOULD LIKE to reply to Mr B Kirke's letter in last week's edition of the GEM headed – 'Why do we need more foodbanks?'

Foodbanks are a necessary part of life to families who live in poverty. Food prices have risen by 12.6 per cent above inflation over the last six years and the cost of heating homes is still on the rise, despite promises of price freezes and pay packets, while earnings have not risen (unless you are an MP).

For a family on a low income, the choice is literally 'eat or heat'. The effect of last April's welfare reforms, bedroom tax, sanctioning of benefits and the dissolution of the social fund have each contributed to the great need for foodbanks in Britain today.

Many working families have also been forced to use Foodbanks as some of them are living in poverty, despite working full time. The cost of living has risen, but incomes certainly have not.

Over 350,000 people received three days' emergency food from Trussell Trust foodbanks alone between April and September 2013.

When Mr Cameron said we are all in this together, he wasn't being absolutely honest. MPs voted to give themselves an 11 per cent pay rise only a few months back and bankers' bonuses are almost indecent when you understand they are the very people who put us in the mess we find ourselves in.

Playing the system?

IT was very interesting to read Mr Kirke's letter in The GEM article about Foodbanks last week; I am sure he must realise the need for the second bank was due to demand.

Unfortunately, like Mr Kirke, I realise that there are some unscrupulous people out there playing the system.

They don't have children, or are in dire need of food. After taking the food that others deserve, they use the additional money they have saved on food to frequent pubs and clubs. You can actually see them drinking, smoking and gambling. I see it most days, shame on them.

Keith Dowson, Barry.

Pancake prayer

AS it will soon be Shrove Tuesday, which is popularly known as Pancake Day, this enlightens us to the start of Lent leading towards Easter.

At this time, there are various ways of serving pancakes, but I would like to take this opportunity to share a recipe for a 'Pancake Prayer' with your readers as follows:

This coming Lent may we find God's recipe to

make us what He would have us be,

The eggs of the Pancake remind me of His creative love,

The flour of the Pancake reminds us of the life He gives,

The milk of the Pancake reminds us of the purity He seeks,

May the flavour of the Pancake remind us of the alertness needed by all who follow His only begotten son, Jesus.

A blessed and peaceful Easter to you all.

J Pooley, Barry

Supermarkets are forced by law to throw perfectly edible food in bins when people are hungry in the country. Scandalous don't you think?

I respect the fact that your mother kept a roof over your head and your sister's heads and kept you fed during 1940 – the time of the Second World War and rationing – when times were indeed hard.

But this is 2014; we are the seventh richest country in the world and to see children go hungry in this day and age is totally abhorrent.

If social services had the amount of social workers in 1941 as they do now in 2014 and the child protection policies in place today, there would have been very few children living with their parents.

Your generalisation of people owning 42-inch TVs, Sky TV packages, X-boxes, mobile phones, and enjoying nights out to the pub, is highly offensive to many – including myself.

I have a full time job and can only afford a couple of the things you mention, nights out to the pub are rare.

I hope you change your views on the reasons that the most vulnerable in our society need assistance in this day and age.

Neil Aviate, Barry

'Foodbanks are a national disgrace for UK'

MAY I reply to last week's letter from Mr B Kirke about Foodbanks headlined 'Why do we need more foodbanks?'

I take his point about the war years and what his mother went through; times must have been very hard, but there was a world war on – there is no world war on now.

This is the year 2014, and we are lucky enough to have the NHS, even though it is going down the swanny, thanks to interfering politicians.

We also have a benefits system which most people have contributed into with their taxes and NI contributions. With the way this country is being run by successive Governments, the benefits system has been a major life-saver in many respects.

It is a national disgrace that it has been estimated that over 500,000 will have used these Foodbanks by the end of the year.

Most of these people, including pensioners, rely on foodbanks due in many cases to a life-changing experience – loss of employment, reduced hours employment, cuts in benefit – 'bedroom tax'. Even people who are working, have been reduced to re-

lying on Foodbanks.

Only last Christmas, the local church in my area was making a plea for donations of food and toys to give out to the needy, who would otherwise have nothing for Christmas.

My wife and I went out shopping and bought some food and toys and I took them to the church.

I will never forget the sight that greeted me when I opened the door to the church. It was filled with food parcels, hampers and toys.

When I asked the volunteer where all this stuff was going, she told me it was going to families who could not afford food or toys for their children at Christmas.

UK plc is supposed to be one of the richest countries in the world, yet tens of thousands of people cannot afford the basics.

Perhaps Mr Kirke would like to get off his soap box and go to one of these foodbanks during distribution days.

I am sure they would love to hear about the war years and what they didn't have in those days compared to now.

I wonder what the reaction from people who cannot afford to feed their children would be? Enough said.

DJ Radford, Barry

Goose barnacles: a rare discovery



GOOSE BARNACLES.

I WAS reading through The GEM newspaper dated February 13, and saw the photos from the Transition Llantwit beach litter pick.

One appears to show goose barnacles inside a shoe. If my identification is correct, this is a very exciting find, as goose barnacles are quite rare in UK waters, especially around here.

The last few times goose barnacles were found in UK waters, they made headline news on nature websites, local news sites and BBC news.

Normally, goose barnacles are found around Cornwall or Anglesey. I know, as I found some goose barnacles back in 2008 on a beach while on holiday on Anglesey.

After researching to find out what I had discovered, I then posted photos of my find on several nature websites and suddenly found myself being contacted by wildlife experts.

Goose barnacles are very interesting creatures because unlike mussels and many other types of barnacles, they attach themselves to random floating objects and then float along with them, even helping to propel the objects along. In several countries they are considered food delicacies.

I have attached the photo I took back in 2008 to compare to the recent one printed in The GEM. I hope this will help to identify the barnacles living in the shoe.

Congratulations to all involved in the litter pick and on making such a fantastic find!

Carolyn Veal-Shaw, Llantwit Major

'Don't be afraid of change...'

WITH regard to local government reorganisation, change is on its way again and we should not be afraid of change.

Currently, Wales has 22 local authorities – far too many set up by a Tory Government.

If we look closely at what we pay our senior officers, readers would be very surprised.

Obviously, the debate is taking place about the number of local authorities we should have, but I find it quite strange that the Vale Conservatives have come out against a merger with Cardiff.

I remember South Glamorgan Council during its lifetime, and I believe they were a very progressive council, serving the Vale and Cardiff.

Jeff Williams, Llanharan, RCT

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MARCH 6)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
27 Thur	04.22	9.1	16.53	9.3
28 Fri	05.23	9.8	17.51	9.9
01 Sat	06.06	10.4	18.37	10.3
02 Sun	06.58	10.7	19.21	10.6
03 Mon	07.41	10.7	20.01	10.4
04 Tues	08.22	10.5	20.41	10.2
05 Wed	08.59	10.0	21.17	9.7
06 Thur	09.39	9.4	21.54	9.1

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

Puppy almost dies... and all because some people refuse to pick up after their dogs!

A DOG owner on Barry Island has pleaded with local people to pick up after their dogs after her bichon frise puppy, Baxter, became seriously ill.

Bethan Stuckey said the puppy who joined her family last August, immediately loved his runs down at Whitmore Bay.

"It soon became Baxter's favourite place to walk. He was able to run around and play, meet other dogs and learn to socialise.

"In the space of recent bad weather it was fantastic to have the beach so close, so we didn't need to go anywhere else for walks."

But Bethan said there was one negative side to using the beach:

"The drawback was the large amount of dog faeces left uncleared on the promenade, the beach and the surrounding walkways.

"Puppies like to sniff the most revolting things, and Baxter was no different.

"I often had to pull him away from a pile of excrement, but I didn't worry too much - after all he had been fully vaccinated."

Bethan and her family were in for an unpleasant shock.

"Baxter woke up in the night and vomited. The following day he was tired and listless refused to eat and drink, and started to have very bad diarrhoea.

"I took him to the vet, where they gave him an in-

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

jection to stop him vomiting along with some medicine."

PARVOVIRUS

That failed treatment failed to resolve the illness. "However he got worse. His diarrhoea was very watery and he seemed lethargic and totally unlike his usual bouncy self.

"We returned to the vet the next day and he was kept in overnight.

"He was refusing fluids and needed to go on a drip to stop him becoming dehydrated. It was a very frightening and worrying experience for all our family.

"The following day the vet phoned to say they were going to test him for parvovirus.

"I was shocked - he had been vaccinated a few months ago against this potentially life threatening illness."

Parvovirus is contagious and is spread from dog to dog by direct or indirect contact with faeces. It can be especially severe in puppies.

To Bethan's despair the result came back positive.

"Our seven month old puppy, vaccinated, loved and well cared for, could die.

"What followed was several days in quarantine, kept on a drip, away from his family, with the risk of him dying hanging over us.

"The disease is so contagious we couldn't see him in case we carried the infection and passed it on to

other dogs. It was a horrible experience.

"Luckily I had taken out pet insurance. The cost of treatment reached £2,000.

"It was a terrible time, but luckily we had a happy ending. Not everyone does.

"Baxter is home, eating normally and bounding around, back to his usual puppy self."

HEART-FELT PLEA

Bethan issued a heart-felt plea to other dog owners to act responsibly and not to put the health of children or dogs at risk.

"It could easily have been so different. I want to ask dog owners in Barry - the hundreds who benefit from being able to use the beach during the winter months - to please pick up after their dogs.

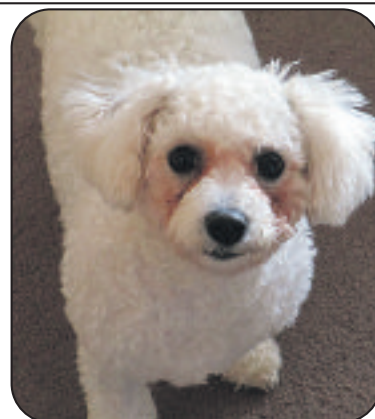
"Despite full and up to date vaccinations, dogs are still vulnerable to parvovirus and other bacterial and viral infections, spread to them by coming into contact with the faeces of other infected dogs."

Bethan said vets had told her that there were many cases currently in south Wales.

"Maybe some people think that it'll be okay if they don't pick up their dog's mess, as other people leave it and that it doesn't matter - but it does!

"We all love our dogs, they are members of the family, and it would be heartbreaking to lose them.

"Please make sure our local area stays as clean and disease free as possible. Baxter won this time, but I don't want other dogs and owners to face the same ordeal," Bethan pleaded.



Baxter is back to full health and fighting fit, but it could have been so different.

BARRY CHOIR SINGING OUT FOR HAITI APPEAL

BARRY Male Voice Choir Haiti.
has agreed to take part in a concert in the new hall at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church on March 28, at 7.30pm, in aid of an overseas charity.

The event organiser Godfrey Knight told The GEM: "We will be raising funds for Haiti Hospital Appeal which helps to give mothers and babies safe births in

A total of 74 per cent of Haitian births take place at home without medical support. Women face a one in 37 chance of dying during delivery.

The country is one of the poorest in the world and suffered a devastating earthquake in 2010.

Since then Godfrey has campaigned to help people who struggle for the basic necessities of life such as getting clean

drinking water. Godfrey said: "I was thrilled when Barry Male Voice Choir agreed to support this worthy cause.

"We also have a talented singer-guitarist Scott Hawting

"Tickets are £6. People can either ring me for a ticket or pay on the door."

Godfrey can be contacted on 01446 749727.

Women's 'World Day of Prayer'

A WOMEN'S 'World Day of Prayer' takes place on Friday, March 7.

A service is to be held at 1.45pm in St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Wordsworth Avenue, Penarth, entitled 'Streams in the Desert, Praying for Egypt'.

All welcome, men, women and children. Refreshments will be served after the service.

There will also be a service at 7.30pm at Dinas Powys Methodist Church, Mount Road. **BD**

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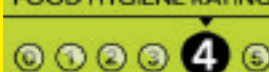
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Library tour and a murder mystery

FEBRUARY has been a very busy and exciting month for Cadoxton (Barry) WI: at the beginning of the month, 10 members had a tour of the public library with Alison, who was very informative.

She gave an insight into the many areas of the library, not just borrowing and returning books. After the tour members had refreshments with the Mayor and her deputy.

At the monthly meeting, members held a minute's silence in tribute to Mrs Betty Dare, a founder member who had

died on February 13.

The evening entertainment was a murder mystery, presented by the Rhooose WI, a fun night with everyone taking part.

The two winning teams were: Health and Safety and Shareholders. he president thanked the Rhooose WI and on behalf of the members hoped that they would make a return visit. The winners of the evening raffles were Addie and Sue.

New members are always welcome. Meetings are held every third Monday of the month in Victoria Park Community Centre at 7pm. Contact 01446 404891 for more information.

Feedback sought on village mast

LOCAL councillors say they would welcome comments on an upgrade to the mobile mast at Dinas Powys Athletic Club - the overall height will be less than before.

Plaid's Chris Franks told The GEM: "We would be pleased to receive any comments from the residents and people can contact me at the email address familyfranks@bt-internet.com.

"We have been told that there is a specific requirement for an upgrade at this location to provide 4G coverage to the area."

The mast construction would include a 17.5metre monopole, six antenna and a dish.

Coun Franks added: "The overall height of the new installation will be marginally below the overall height of the existing installation."

Councillors' surgery

CADOC councillors, Anne Moore, Fred Johnson and Neil Moore, will be holding a surgery in Cadoxton Moors Community Centre this Saturday, March 1, between 10.30am and 11.30am. No appointments are necessary.

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ABOVE: A line-up at Jenner Park School in around the year 1950.

NEWS FROM PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Stunning views on a walk around Brecon Beacons

IN between bouts of more unsettled weather the group luckily enjoyed two walks recently in glorious winter sunshine, firstly a 9-miler with William on the Rhymney River Circular Walk following waymarkers depicting a pretty dragonfly.

From Michaelston y Fedw and the delightful church dedicated to St Michael, boggy fields led to Cefn Mably Farm Park and the aptly-named Moody Sow farm shop, then across the stone Cefn-Ilwyd Bridge over the fast flowing swollen River Rhymney.

Fields on the Cefn Mably Estate were under surface water and the walkers tackled a flooded brook, then a churned up path covered in felled trees. They reached the ruined Ruperra Castle, surrounded by ancient woodland at Coed Craig Ruperra. A descent led to Draethen and more muddy fields to Machen.

Following lunch on a sunny wooded bank, slippery paths around cropped fields led past the 16th century Plas Machen, built in 1490 by Thomas Morgan prior to his family moving to Tredegar House.

Secondly, a group of 12 walkers, including leader Joy, tackled a walk around the huge Talybont reservoir in the Brecon Beacons National Park. Going uphill through slippery woodland paths drenched in surface water to the ridge at Pen Rhiw-cach, there were glorious clear views

across to Allt Lwyd, Carn Pica, Waun Rydd, and along the ridge to Tor y Foel during morning coffee.

Then, descending gradually through woodland, with many waterfalls tumbling down the hillside, the walkers successfully scrambled around a landslide onto firmer ground at the valley bottom. Lunch was enjoyed beside the river Caerfanell at Pont Blaen-y-Glyn.

On their return journey uphill through the Talybont Forest, which was devoid of people, and with only sheep for company, the muddy difficult bits were soon forgotten, as they drank in the surrounding views which were stunning, because many of the trees have been felled and after five hours of wonderful sunshine, they took away great memories to last through the coming week.

On March 1, meet 9.45am at the Barry Waterfront for a five to six-mile moderate mystery walk in celebration of St David's Day with Welsh cakes and a short quiz; contact Barbara on 01446 794313.

A change to the planned walk on March 2, meet 10am at Cogan for a short five-mile easy walk along the Banks of the River Taff; contact Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, contact the walk leader. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

I enclose a school photograph which includes my late wife Marilyn Davies (nee Fox). It was taken at Jenner Park School in approximately 1950.

I would be happy for anyone to get in touch with me regarding the photograph. I can be contacted on 01446 738130.

Mr Donald Davies, Barry

Barry senior citizens meeting

FRIENDS and Neighbours Senior Citizen Group in Barry held their first meeting of 2014 at The Senior Health Shop, Holton Road, Barry.

More than 36 members attended and new members were made welcome.

Vale MP Alun Cairns paid a surprise visit and chatted to all the members during his stay.

The afternoon continued with a music and entertainment quiz which was enjoyed by all. The

busy programme for 2014 was discussed, as well as trips planned for the year and lunch planned at the Glamorgan Suite, Barry College, to celebrate St David's Day, and a planned visit to Barry Library and the Mayor's Parlour, by invitation of Coun Margaret Wilkinson, the Vale Mayor.

They all enjoyed tea/coffee, cakes and biscuits, chatting together and making new friends.

For more information on the group, contact Gay Ffield on 01446 400044.

Meeting our man at C&A

IT was from the 'other side of the counter' that Barry U3A was entertained by a talk on retailing by Mike Wilcock, who was "with C&A for 35 years".

Mike was born in Lancashire and started his working life in a textile mill before applying to C&A to train in their management scheme.

Starting in Manchester in 1967, and moving on promotion to Liverpool, Sheffield, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, and then Cardiff in 1976 – for 10 years – he then became area manager for south Wales and the southwest of England before finishing his time in Swansea.

He explained that C&A was an international Dutch company, founded

in 1841 by the brothers Clemens and August Brennikmeijer, taking their name from their initials.

It has always remained a family company with a very caring commitment to staff. It was a major presence on UK High Streets for many years until 2001, when retailing changed when shops such as Primark and Matalan arrived.

The next monthly meeting will be in the New Jerusalem Hall, Barry, on Monday, March 3 at 2pm.

The speaker will be Audrey Griffiths and her subject has the intriguing title of 'A Most Peculiar people'.

For further information on all our groups, visit our website usasites.org.uk/barry or ring John on 01446 413328.

VAL WARLOW



The cast.

'WHAT A NICE CUP OF TEA,' SAID ALICE

THE Cheshire Cat's smile was wider than normal when 'Alice' was performed at St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School.

The students and staff worked tirelessly during their evenings and weekends in preparation for the performances which were played to full houses over three nights. Everyone joined in when Young Alice found herself following the White Rabbit into an unknown world where she met an assortment of weird and wonderful characters.

Alice met the Caterpillar, the Tweedles and the Cheshire Cat, who helped her on her way. She enjoyed a spot of tea with the Mad Hatter, March Hare and Dormouse before moving on to play croquet with the Queen of Hearts, followed by a lesson on how to paint the sky and a trial to find out who stole the tarts!

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The Mad Hatter.



Atlantic College 10k charity race

LLANTWIT MAJOR'S 'Team Running with Nancy', comprising Lyn, Lucy and Nancy Thomas – and friends – is combining with UWC Atlantic College to hold a 10k race for charity.

It takes place on Sunday, March 16 at 11am, and will raise funds for UK Cystic Fibrosis Gene Therapy Consortium.

All runners and wheelchair athletes are welcome. For more information and to avoid missing out, register your place at: www.runningwithnancy.com/events; or go to: www.atlanticcollege.org/uwc-atlantic-college-10k-2014/.

Doing our bit for Fairtrade...

BARRY is proud to be supporting this year's celebrations for Fairtrade Fortnight taking place until March 7 – and we are determined to shout about all things Fairtrade!

Fairtrade is all about improving trade for farmers in developing countries by ensuring they get better prices and good working conditions. It helps improve their lives and prevent discrimination against poorer producers.

It's Fairtrade fortnight, to help Foodbank

BARRY Town Council's Fairtrade steering group is celebrating this year's Fairtrade fortnight by launching a campaign to encourage members of the public to donate any Fairtrade goods to Barry Foodbank.

Collection points are open at the Fairtrade display at Barry library, or take your goodies to the Barry Town Council Offices at 7 Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA.

The chairman of the steering group, Coun Rob Curtis, said: "Please help us support both poor farmers in the developing world – and also at the same time support some of our poorest families here in Wales by donating."

"This year's Fairtrade fortnight concludes on March 7."

Cogan blaze

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

The spokesperson continued: "We would like to thank our staff and fire crews for their quick response to the situation last night, along with Penarth Leisure Centre customers, for their patience during the evacuation."

Vale Council Leader Neil Moore praised the swift response of staff: "The leisure centre staff were absolutely brilliant and dealt with the situation with great professionalism. They calmly evacuated the centre, even helping some people to get home when they had to leave their possessions behind."

Sports development lecturer Rob Griffiths, who used to work at the centre, tweeted: "Sad to hear about the fire at Cogan leisure Centre. Spent a couple of very happy years working there. Glad no one appears hurt."

Fairtrade Fortnight is also about getting the Fairtrade message heard, boosting awareness of trade issues.

So what will you do? Well, there are lots of ways to take part!

You could celebrate by donating Fairtrade food for the Barry Foodbank at collection points at either the Barry Library or at the Barry Town Council Offices on Gladstone Road (next to the Memo).

You could enjoy a Fairtrade fashion and entertainment show being organised by Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School on March 6 at 6pm (call 01446 403500 for tickets).

Finally, tell people all about your favourite Fairtrade products, which can also quickly spread the word.

Coun Rob Curtis, (Chairman of Barry Town Council's Fairtrade steering group)

Fairtrade at Bryn Hafren

BRYN HAFREN Comprehensive School will be hosting its first ever 'Wear Fair' fashion show on Thursday, March 6 (6pm-8pm) to celebrate Fairtrade fortnight, International Women's Day and multiculturalism.

The show will be hosted by Nyomi Lenny, director of 'Miss Fashion vs Beauty'.

Members of the Fairtrade committee will be attending and will give a small talk. The Co-op will be giving away free bananas to guests and there will also be a raffle.

Fairtrade clothes and multicultural food will be on sale after the show.

School assembly focuses on anti-bullying message



LAST week, pupils in year-5 at All Saints school, Barry, chose the theme of friendship for their class assembly, which was performed to an audience of pupils from other classes, parents and visitors.

The children took an active part in writing the script. Each

of them wrote about what being a good friend means to them, how they should treat friends and look after them.

The children of year-5 reminded pupils what they should do if bullied and mentioned the advice given during a collective worship presented by members of the School Council during Anti-bullying Week.

Pupils referred to the teaching by Jesus, as to how to treat one another in his Sermon on the Mount and the story of Zacchaeus (the tax collector who was given a new start by Jesus).

Prayers were also written by the pupils. It proved to be a very poignant and memorable assembly, enjoyed by everyone. LM

Dedicated volunteer Barbara's diamond award after 50 years!

RIGHT: Barbara with husband, Don, flanked by their grand-daughters, Jessica and Laura.

A Rhose woman has received a Diamond Award from the Royal Voluntary Service.

Mrs Barbara Goodway received the award at the Darby and Joan Club in the community hall at Stewart Road.

Barbara helps at Barry Hospital and also devotes time to St Peter's Church in Rhose. She has done voluntary work for 50 years, and in November will celebrate half a century helping with the RVS.

A local person who attends the community centre said: "Everybody really appreciates the work she puts in and the time she spends organising events."

"She is also very well

supported by her husband Don."

Barbara has also served the community as a local councillor.

An RVS member nominated her for the award which was part of the Diamond Jubilee project which sought to recognise people for the contribution they have made to the community.

A total of 2,100 people

were nominated nationally and Barbara was one of 60 to receive the accolade. Wendy Marshall, an RVS official from Cardiff, made the presentation.

Barbara said: "I wasn't expecting the award and it was a lovely afternoon. "They say that behind every man there is a good woman - well behind me there has been a very good man, Don my husband. It has been him who has enabled me to do all these things."

To top things off Barbara enjoyed a surprise visit from her grand-daughters, Jessica came all the way from Birmingham, and Laura from Guilford in Surrey.



Cutting the celebratory Diamond award cake.

Some icons and display tricks

PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB

EVERYONE occasionally would like to do something with their computer that it cannot do.

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Accidental capitals
AT our recent forum evening an old problem was raised.

Sometimes you look up and realise that instead of pressing the shift key for a single capital letter, you pressed the caps lock key by mistake and now have a line of type all in capitals (upper case).

Rather than re-type, you can recover the situation by highlighting the offending text; hold down the Shift key and press the function button 'F3' (usually on the top line of your keyboard). The highlighted upper case instantly switches to lower case. Remember to check the text to insert any required capitals.

For prevention rather than cure, try this: Click on Start > Control Panel > Accessibility Options (XP) or Ease of Access Centre (Win 7) to get the dialogue box.

Select the 'Keyboard' put a tick in the box against 'Use/turn on ToggleKeys' and click 'Apply'.

Now when you press the Caps Lock key you

will hear a beep to warn you. The beep also sounds if you use the Number Lock key or the Scroll Lock key as these are the other keys most likely to confuse if accidentally pressed.

Thus alerted, a second keypress will sound a different beep as you cancel the accidental key press.

Losing the mouse

IF you have ever 'lost' your mouse on screen, and want to find it easily? Go to Control Panel and access the Mouse area. Under Pointer Options, the bottom option is 'Show location of pointer when I press the CTRL key'.

Put a tick in the box and say Apply. Now when you have lost your mouse, press the CTRL key and location is indicated.

In both the above instances there are other options to explore which you might find useful. It can be fun to play with them anyway.

Passwords

IT was noted that the most common password is no longer "password" as supplied by the manufacturer with new equipment. Common because users didn't know or couldn't be bothered to change it. It has been demoted to second most useless password by "123456".

A little bit of imagination wouldn't go amiss here as "12345"; "1234567"; "qwerty" and "abc123" all inhabit the top 20.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, March 11 at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, 7.30pm for 8pm. Tips (and accents) using Microsoft Word. Visitors always welcome. See penarthcomputerclub.co.uk.

Howard Desmond

Craft fair in Barry

THERE will be an Enfys Craft Fair on March 1 at St Francis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry, open from 10am until 4pm, with no entry charge.

The 19 stall holders are local craft people producing jewellery, woodturning, photography, knitting, painting, bee products (honey, creams, candles), sewing, embroidery, driftwood products and baking. Refreshments are available and very reasonably priced.

The charity for March is the local branch of the NSPCC. There will be a white elephant stall and books for sale. Kathy Hinton will have a special cake which will be raffled to raise funds for the NSPCC.

For more information, contact Beryl on 01446 418695 or Cyril on 01446 400149.

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Local store helps Guide Dog charity



ABOVE: Amanda Brown, trainee dispensing optician, Daisy Mayne, optical assistant (dressed in the costume), Leigh Whitfield, optical assistant, and Carol Messier, optometrist.

STAFF at the Holt Road Specsavers store tackled a range of activities, including optical assistant, Daisy Mayne, dressing up as a guide dog - and £200 was raised for the guide dog charity.

The store team all wore their Guide Dogs t-shirts and offered a free glasses cleaning service in return for a donation to the charity.

Toy guide dogs and badges were also sold and all proceeds raised went towards the overall fundraising total.

Store director, Jamie Pullen, says: "Everyone in the team was really enthusiastic about getting involved in a fundraising campaign for Guide Dogs, which is such a fantastic charity."



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Austerity measures blamed for 4.5% rise in council tax

by PHILIP IRWIN

THE news had been heavily sign-posted, and this week it was confirmed that the Vale faces a 4.5 per cent rise in council tax.

The final decision will be taken at a full council meeting, but the Vale Council cabinet agreed to the rise when it met on Monday (February 24).

Someone living in a band D property will pay £1,029.42 to the council. That is, of course, not the final bill, as home-owners will have to pay an additional sum to their town and community council, and also a charge which funds South Wales Police.

In his column (see page 12) the Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Neil Moore, talks about the rise, and says that the austerity measures are responsible.

He points out that the council has had a five per cent reduction in its funding from central and Welsh Governments, which equates to a cut of £8.5million and 4.5 per cent.

He adds: "We have had to find around £15million savings for this year and up to 2016/17.

"This will inevitably have an effect on the services that we have to provide.

"However, we have tried to keep the impact to a minimum and we will continue to do all that is possible to continue to provide the best services that are needed."

He points out that the rise is less than £1 per week for band D properties, and adds: "I consider the budget to be fair and reasonable, as we continue to protect both Education and Social Services and particularly those most at risk."

Conservative Regional AM, Andrew RT Davies, said: "We all appreciate the financial pressure that local authorities are under following the Welsh Labour Government's cuts to the budget this year.

"In England, under the Conservative-led coalition, council tax has again been frozen and the treasury has made money available to the Welsh Government to do the same.

"Welsh Conservatives have long campaigned for a freeze in council tax, yet Labour refuse to use that money to freeze council tax here in Wales".

"This move by the Vale Council will cost the average family an extra £50 and will hit the least well off hardest."

'Vale's villages must combine to protect local boundaries'

A campaigner for fair treatment of villages in the planning process insists the Vale Council should not scrap settlement boundaries.

by GEM REPORTER

Andrew Loyns of the Fair Deal for Ystradowen Campaign said he feared rural communities could face speculative planning proposals.

"In the draft LDP, the Vale Council has proposed 950 new houses in the rural Vale.

This strategy is predicated on the abolition of settlement boundaries around villages.

"In addition, if these bound-

aries go, then every minor rural settlement and hamlet will be prone to speculative 'windfall' planning applications from developers - this has already happened in several villages."

Ystradowen is subject to a 111 house allocation in the LDP.

Mr Loyns asked: "How can the council contemplate such a drastic step when villages like Bonvilton, St Nicholas, Ystradowen, Colwinston and Wick already face massive

expansion because of the LDP allocations?"

"Even the Welsh Government has asked the Vale Council to explain its position. Furthermore, as a matter of policy, neighbouring councils are retaining their settlement boundaries around their villages.

"It is time the Vale villages came together to demand the council drops its destructive proposal to scrap these settlement boundaries."

He added: "The council doesn't have to submit its LDP to the Welsh Government until August 2015, so has plenty of time to reconsider its position."

Cowbridge food and drink festival takes a year off!

by PHILIP IRWIN

Computers for beginners
COMPUTER-phobic people in Communities First areas of Barry are being encouraged to sign up for a five-week Agored Cymru accredited course from March 3.

Communities First and Vale Adult and Community Learning are launching the basic IT skills course in Barry Library and the Community Enterprise Centre next door to Holm View Leisure Centre.

It is aimed at those who have never used a computer or are very inexperienced.

Participants will learn how to use a mouse, keyboard, and navigate a computer screen.

For full details, contact Michael Doucas on 07730284147.

THERE will be no Festival of Food and Drink in Cowbridge next year, after the organisers took the decision to move the event to May - after attendances at the last two festivals were affected by bad weather.

Bringing the event forward to May 2014 has been ruled out, so organisers are now looking to set a date for a weekend in May 2015.

Last year's festival - which marked the 10th anniversary - suffered because the weather forecast predicted more heavy rain and winds on the Sunday. The 'St Jude Storm' was predicted to arrive with high winds and heavy rain.

Ironically, the actual weather on the day was reasonable - the storm hit the Vale on the Monday - but by then visitors had made other plans.

At the time, the festival chairman, John Davies, predicted a

"small loss".

Speaking last week, Mr Davies said: "We've enjoyed a hugely successful 10 years of the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival, but we have come to realise that certain conditions are preventing us growing even further and attracting a wider audience."

"In moving the date to May, we hope to attract new sponsorship and interest in the festival in 2015, and even more support from the local community and town's traders who we rely on to work so closely with us."

He said that the event, which is run by a volunteer committee, costs over £60,000 each year to stage. The loss in 2013, is now being described as "substantial" - and the weather was clearly a major factor.

The costs of the festival include marquees, the free park and ride, logistics and site management, radio and newspaper advertising, insurance, festival entertainment, and proving extra toilet facilities.

These have to be met, in the main, from ticket sales, and the festival committee believes that taking advantage of the Spring climate will attract more visitors - and also more sponsors.

A grant from the Vale Council, given through the early years of the festival, was always intended to be gradually phased out, and this has now come to pass.

Mr Davies concluded: "We see this change as a very positive thing, and a real opportunity to revitalise the festival, drawing even more visitors to Cowbridge and generating higher income and economic growth for the region in the process."

Forum hears how magistrates work

THE speaker at last week's Barry Men's Forum was magistrate Stephens JP, who is also chairman of magistrates of mid and south Wales, and he gave an interesting and thought-provoking talk about 'How the Magistrates work'.

He identified how magistrates are selected, from ordinary members of the community, who, when confirmed, have to attend a fairly detailed course before being appointed. These are unpaid volunteers, who normally sit in three's at the Magistrates Court.

Barrie confirmed the range of cases likely to be heard, which are numerous, including ABH, affray, driving offences, GBH, theft and anti-social behaviour. In an interesting aside, he noted that the largest number of people being charged with anti-social behaviour is the elderly, and not the young, as most of the members suspected.

After explaining the various options available to the courts for sentencing,

he then went through a number of fictitious cases, on video, with actors playing the roles of accused, victim, prosecuting and defence council with interruptions after each witness, for discussion, as the cases unfolded.

The Forum members then were asked to decide what the sentence should be, and surprisingly the majority of members selected the same outcome as the "guidelines for sentencing" which the magistrates use, to decide what sentence should have been imposed.

At the end of the talk, there were numerous comments, queries and questions to Barrie from the Forum members.

The Barry Men's Forum meet at Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall, at the junction of Trinity Street and Aberystwyth Crescent every Thursday morning at 10.15am until noon. On March 6, the speaker will be Mr John Rees Davies, whose talk is entitled 'My Baghdad Experiences'.

New members are very welcome. For further information, contact 029 2059 4881. PMW

Students get advice from BA apprentices

NEWS FROM THE BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL



ABOVE: Paul glazes his natural form-inspired vessel.

AT the end of January, Barry Comprehensive welcomed three British Airways apprentices to school.

The apprentices, including former pupil Andrew Mock, spoke to students and provided information on the work at British Airways Maintenance Cardiff.

Pupils taking GCSE and BTEC courses in engineering found the presentation to be most useful for making applications for apprenticeships and work experience.

Artists make an early morning start

BARRY Comprehensive School boasts a very talented group of students who have shown maturity and dedication by attending GCSE Art catch-up sessions with Mrs Hill and Mr Burman.

Even though the breakfast provided by Mr McNamara was a welcome bonus, the boys not only enjoyed refining the work they had produced, they also gave themselves the best possible chance of securing a good grade in their upcoming GCSE art exam. AC

Aberthaw beach clean

FRIENDS of Barry Beaches will be holding a special St David's Day beach clean at Aberthaw beach on Saturday, March 1 between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

Their first beach clean not centered on one of Barry's five main beaches is due to the shocking amount of plastic and polystyrene debris washed up at Aberthaw.

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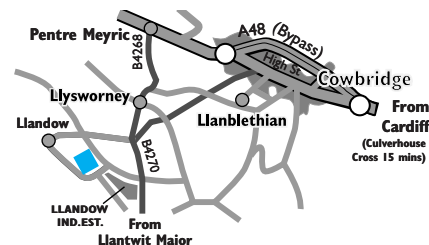
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Local charity welcomes the owl experts



A ValePlus member with one of the owls.

THE Barry-based charity, ValePlus, has thanked Owls 4 U, who recently attended a session and gave a talk – as part of a Worker's Education Association course.

A ValePlus spokesperson said: "Our service users enjoyed making sketches, asking questions and having the opportunity to handle these beautiful birds".

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CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

CONSUMED by jealousy when his partner became involved in another relationship, a man murdered his love rival by stabbing him in the neck, Cardiff Crown Court heard.

The victim, 50-year-old Kevin Hier, suffered a 15cm long, deep incised wound which penetrated his thyroid

gland, gullet and the apex of his chest.

He had a collapsed left lung and there were a number of other superficial wounds, said prosecutor Greg Taylor QC.

The attack, which took place in a lane in Tondur, was witnessed by three children.

They were told by the knife-wielding Jamie Curtis: "That's what you do when someone ****s about with your girl-

friend."

Curtis, 26, of Heol-yr-Ysgol, Tondur, pleaded guilty to a charge of murder and was jailed for life.

Judge Eleri Rhys directed that he serve a minimum of 23 years before being considered for release by the parole board.

Mr Taylor said that Curtis was in a relationship with Lorraine Davies and they lived

together, but she began a relationship with Mr Hier and chose him over Curtis.

On October 23, Curtis used her mobile phone to text Mr Hier to arrange a meeting.

They came together in a lane where three children were present. Curtis put Mr Hier in a headlock and stabbed him.

Attempts were made to resuscitate Mr Hier but he stopped breathing.

"He had a gaping wound in his neck," said Mr Taylor.

At the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, further attempts were made to revive the injured man, but they failed.

Curtis was spotted at the scene, and asked:

"What happened here?" and walked away, laughing.

Shortly afterwards, Curtis was spoken to by a police officer and when arrested, he said: "That's my girlfriend's boyfriend. I haven't beaten anyone up."

In a statement, the dead man's mother, Ailwen Trott, 77, described her son as a "loving and caring gentle giant."

She said her life had changed for the worse and she now rarely went out.

In mitigation, Matthew Roberts, for Curtis, said: "As a matter of course, he would usually carry a knife."

It was fortunate, he said, that the children at

the scene did not have to be called as witnesses.

"His jealousy had been developing for some weeks and consumed him," said Mr Roberts.

He accepted there was an element of planning and a high degree of culpability. Curtis' guilty plea was courageous, he added.

"He accepts he is going to prison for a very long time and that he took a human life."

The judge said Curtis had thrown the blood-stained knife into a river to conceal evidence.

Mr Hier's mother, she added, had been left devastated and traumatised.

Thief caught after leaving bloodstains

BLOODSTAINS left in a Bridgend pharmacy after it was raided led to the arrest of the intruder, it was stated at Cardiff Crown Court.

Jonathan Merchant, 30, of Chestnut Way, Bridgend, got in by smashing two plate-glass doors before wrecking a till and taking just £1.50, said prosecutor Leah Pollard.

Merchant had admitted a charge of burglary before Bridgend Magistrates and had been committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

He was jailed for a year, the sentence suspended for 18 months, and made subject to a supervision order for 18 months. He was also ordered to observe a six-month electronically tagged curfew from 8pm to 8am.

Said Recorder Nigel Thomas: "I note you have a shocking record. You have caused society and the courts much trouble over the years."

It was, he said, quite unacceptable to kick in the doors of the shop.

Miss Pollard said that, on December 13, the police received a report that Lloyds Pharmacy, Bridgend, had been broken into. They arrived to find the

alarm sounding.

Two glass doors had been smashed and an upended till on the floor, was damaged.

Bloodstains belonging to Merchant were found on the till and led to his arrest three days later.

He accepted he was responsible and said that, at the time, he was heavily under the influence of valium and could not recollect much of the incident.

He admitted kicking his way in and when he heard the alarm, fled.

He was said to have convictions for 63 offences – including 33 for theft, 12 for burglary and one for robbery.

His counsel, Alex Greenwood, said Merchant was registered as disabled and had an attention deficit disorder, as well as being hyperactive, drinking to excess and taking Valium. He also smoked cannabis.

His gain from the crime was absolutely minimal, and he took no drugs from the premises. Custody would mean he could not address his problems.

He said his last burglary was two-and-a-half years ago.

PORTHCAWL CANNABIS FARM DISCOVERED

CANNABIS plants with a potential yield of £23,000 were found in a property in Porthcawl.

Because of mounting debts, a British Gas employee visited the premises in Victoria Avenue and discovered a cannabis farm, said prosecutor David Lloyd.

Andrew Weeks, 45, unemployed, of Tremorfa, Cardiff admitted producing cannabis.

He was jailed for two years, the sentence suspended for 18 months, subject to a supervision order for a year and ordered to carry out 280 hours unpaid work.

Mr Lloyd said Weeks was carrying out work at the premises and resided there for three months.

Because of the gas bill of £6,000, a British Gas official went to the house and found a cannabis farm.

There were 58 plants in various stages of growth. The electricity system had been bypassed, there was special ducting, high powered bulbs and growth accelerator.

"It was quite a planned operation," said Mr Lloyd.

When arrested, Weeks claimed that he was only the gardener.

His counsel, Christopher Rees, said he had been fully co-operative, had had difficulties in the past and suffered from depression.

Recorder Jonathan Ferris said: "The plants were found in a house under your control. You played a significant role."

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (B4265 GILESTON CROSS TO BURTON HILL) (30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2014

On the 27th February 2014 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedules below.

The Order will come into operation on the 28th February 2014 or on the date that the necessary Traffic Signs are in place whichever is the later and a copy of the Order may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 28th February 2014 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 30 mph in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location The area of the B4265 from its junction at Gileston Cross at grid 301752 167805 to its junction at Burton at grid 303448 167805. A distance of approximately 1800m.

Location The road to Llanccadle from its junction with B4265 in a northerly direction at grid 303246 167778 for a distance of approximately 25m.

Location The un-named road adjacent to Four Cross Garage running under the rail line for a distance of approximately 70m in a southerly direction.

In addition, the Order known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (B4265 Llantwit Major to Burton Bridge) (40mph and 50mph Speed Restriction) Order 2012", will be suspended in part for the duration of the works.

Reason To allow adjacent highway construction works to be undertaken.

Duration From 06:00Hrs on Friday 28th February 2014, for a maximum period of 18 months, or until such time as the 30mph Traffic Signs are removed, whichever is the sooner.

Dated this 27th day of February 2014.

M. E. Punter,
Director of Visible Services & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2014

GORCHYMYN (CYFYNGU CYFLYMDRA I 30 M.Y.A.) (DROS DRO) (B4265 RHWNG CROES SILSTWN A THYLE'R BRITWN)

Ar 27 Chwefror 2014, yr oedd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adran 14 (1) Deddf Rheoli Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 a phob pŵer galluogi arall, wedi gwneud Gorchymyn i'r diben cyffredinol a ddisgrifir yn yr Atodleni isod:

Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 28 Chwefror 2014 ynteu pan fydd yr arwyddion ffyrdd angenrheidiol i gyd yn eu lle, pa un bynnag a fo'r dyddiad diweddara. Mae copi o'r Gorchymyn ar gael i'w darllen yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

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ATODLEN 1

1. Ni chaiff unrhyw un yrru na chaniatáu i unrhyw un arall yrru'n gyflymach na 30 milltir yr awr yn y manau a nodwyd yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad Y darn o briffordd B4265 rhwng y gyffordd â Chroes Silstwn wrth gyfeirnod grid 301752 167805 a'r gyffordd wrth ymyl Y Britwn wrth gyfeirnod grid 303448 167805, sef pellter o ryw 1800m.

Lleoliad Y ffordd i Llanccadle o'r gyffordd â phriffordd B4265 wrth gyfeirnod grid 303246 167778 ymlaen am oddeutu 25m i gyfeiriad y gogledd.

Lleoliad Y ffordd ddiennwr wrth ymyl Four Cross Garage sy'n rhedeg o dan y rheilffordd am ryw 70m i gyfeiriad y de.

Yn ogystal â hyn, bydd y Gorchymyn a adwaenir fel "Gorchymyn Cyfyngu ar Gyflymdra (40 m.y.a. a 50 m.y.a.) (B4265 rhwng Llanilltud Fawr a Phont Y Britwn) Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2012", yn cael ei atal yn rhannol tra bod y gwaith yn cael ei wneud.

Rheswm Er mwyn adeiladu priffordd gerllaw.

Cyfnod O 06:00 ar ddydd Gwener 28 Chwefror 2014 ymlaen, am 18 mis yn unig, ynteu hyd nes i'r holl arwyddion traffig 30 m.y.a. gael eu symud, pa un bynnag a fo'r dyddiad cyntaf.

Dyddiedig 27 Chwefror 2014

M. E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai,
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Canolfan yr Alpau, Gwenvô. CF5 6AA



The ethical alternative to pay-day loans is thriving

ATTENDING the Cardiff and Vale Credit Union AGM, held in the Civic Offices in Holton Road this week, provided me with the opportunity to thank the staff, management committee and volunteers for the important work they are doing in the Vale – providing an ethical alternative to the pay day lenders in our town centres in Wales.

This followed a recent event in the new Credit Union 'Pop up Shop' in Holton Road, which is staying open over the coming months due to financial support

from the Welsh Government, to raise awareness, membership, savings and take-up of affordable loans within the Vale, particularly amongst the financially excluded.

At this event, we were joined by the Chair of the Cardiff and Vale Credit Union, Maureen Greening, staff and volunteers running the new service in the Vale and young savers from Cadroxton Primary School. We were also joined by the cabinet member for children and young people, Coun Chris Elmore, ministers from the Methodist Church – Pete and Sam Taylor and Sharon Evans, the community centre organiser from St Athan's Gathering Place, who want to open up a Credit Union link as an out-

reach point for the western Vale.

We were given a report on the impact of the 'Pop Up Shop' in Holton Road, Barry which opened last year. There have been 669 enquiries to the office; 117 new Vale members (an 83 per cent increase over three months compared with the previous year), 115 loan applications received directly at the Holton Road office, with a value approved of £88,500.

Altogether there have been 201 Vale loan applications received over this period. There are two local schools joining the School Saver project (including Cadroxton School) and we hope that many more will join.

At the Cardiff and Vale Credit Union

AGM, we heard about the record growth in membership, savings and loan portfolios over the past year with a 15 per cent growth in members over the two counties, which amounted to 6,000 at the end of September 2013.

The Cardiff and Vale Credit Union has joined the UK-wide consortium of credit unions to deliver on the Credit Union expansion programme, and strong links have been forged with the Vale Council and Newydd Housing Association over the past year.

With a new Vale Foodbank Distribution Centre being opened this week by Archbishop Barry Morgan at St Mary's Church in Holton Road, awareness of the Credit Union and its services are more important than ever, for families and individuals in low paid work, as well as those experiencing severe financial

pressure due to welfare benefit changes.

The Credit Union is also close to the CAB and the Civic Offices, so there is support and advice in our town centre and also available across the county.

The Credit Union welcomes us all to join for ethical savings and affordable loans.

You can call them, email them, or drop into the Barry 'Pop Up' Shop at 21 Holton Road for a chat, or help in filling out forms.

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Jane Hutt
AM (Minister for Finance)

Leckwith bridge work closes road

WORK is currently under way on Leckwith bridge on the B4267.

A road closure began at just after midnight on Monday and will end at just before midnight tomorrow, Friday, February 28.

Coun Chris Franks told The GEM: "The work is necessary due to the poor condition of the bridge."

"Already there's a weight restriction in place. "Apparently the surface is rapidly deteriorating. The hot weather last year further weakened the surface when high temperatures caused the material to almost melt."

"The work will not be a simple resurfacing. A depth of up to 16 inches will be removed and replaced with a more effective material."

Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout the work period.

Ring cairns and stone circles...

FOURTEEN Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers joined Judy and Mike for a 9.75 mile circular walk from the nature reserve car park at Clydach, near Pontardawe.

They were lucky with the weather, as they had sun virtually all day, which made the day, considering the weather that we've been experiencing lately, although the end of the walk was still a bit soggy underfoot.

The walkers started by following an old tramway up the Clydach Gorge, which is now an RSPB nature reserve, before making their way up over open moorland with excellent views to the Mumbles one way and the Brecon Bea-

cons in the north, still with snow on the top of Pen y Fan.

On the way, Carn Llechart stone circle, one of the largest ring cairns in Wales, was passed before reaching the large standing stones placed in adjacent fields.

After having a look at the historic Gellionnen chapel, it was downhill all the way back, rounded off by a visit to a local hostelry for refreshment before heading home.

Further information regarding the Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers walks can be found at valeofglamorganramblers.co.uk or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

MIKE HOLLEY

PACT meetings

BUTTRILLS PACT, Philip John Community Room, Barry Library

March 6, at 6.30pm.

CADOC PACT, Palmerston Community and Learning Centre, March 26 at 7pm.

PLYMOUTH PACT, The Community Centre Brockhill Way, Penarth, March 12 at 7pm.

STANWELL PACT, The Pod, St Luke's Avenue, March 14 at 7pm.

RHOOSE PACT, The Community Centre, Celtic Way, Rhooose, March 19 at 6pm.

Bunny Run for charity

RESIDENTS are being urged to support Welsh Hearts by joining hundreds of Easter Bunnies and furry friends in the 5K Easter Bunny Run at Mermaid Quay, Cardiff Bay to raise funds for the charity.

"Join the Mad Hatter on this 5K run, walk, hop, jog, or cycle as you chase his carrot around Cardiff Bay with your speed enhancing bunny ears! Prizes for the best fancy dress. Children welcome under 18 with their families!" a spokeswoman said.

There will be prizes for the best fancy dress and Easter bonnet competition. Meet on Sunday, April 13 at The Oval Basin, Cardiff Bay in front of The Wales Millennium Centre. Registration from 9.15am. Warm-up at 10.45am, race starts at 11am. Entry £5 per person. Register online www.welshhearts/easterbunnyrun.org.

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HOSPITAL COMPLAINTS: 'Please come forward!' call

PROFESSOR June Andrews, who is leading the independent review of patient care at two hospitals in Abertawe Bro Morgannwg (ABMU) Health Board, has asked people who have made complaints about the Princess of Wales or Neath Port Talbot Hospitals in the past three years to come forward and share their experiences with the review team.

Professor Andrews is leading the independent review on behalf of Assembly health minister Mark Drakeford.

CLEARER PICTURE

Professor Andrews said: "We want to hear directly from patients and families who made any complaint about the Princess of Wales or Neath Port Talbot Hospitals (ABMU Health Board) between December 2010 and December 2013.

"We want to get a clearer picture about what complaints were made, from local people

themselves, and to understand the levels of satisfaction with what happened as a result, particularly about the care of older people.

"We are using a short, simple-to-use questionnaire to gather some information. Then we hope to talk to a number of those who respond about their experiences.

"Obviously, we shall be respecting confidentiality at all times, and will only be discussing any detail about the complaints once we have the necessary permissions."

Anyone wishing to contact the independent team should use the online survey at www.dementia.stir.ac.uk/ircq.

Vale MP praises 'tireless' parents of rafting victim

THE death of Cerys Potter who died in a rafting incident in Turkey more than three years ago, was found to be 'unlawful killing' at the inquest held in Cardiff last week.

The Llancarfan nine-year-old was on holiday with her family when a rafting excursion went terribly wrong. Cerys' parents, Terry and Julie, have campaigned for justice and better safety standards since the tragedy.

Delays in the Turkish courts led to the Vale MP, Alun Cairns raising the matter with David Cameron at Prime Minister's Questions. This led to Terry and Julie Potter meeting the Europe Minister to press their case.

Eventually, four people from the Turkish rafting company were jailed for five and a half years each. Last week's verdict confirmed in the British courts the unlawful killing.

This week, Mr Cairns praised Cerys' parents Terry and Julie Potter in their relentless efforts to gain justice.

He explained: "Terry and Julie have been tireless in their efforts to prevent anyone else going through such a terrible experience.

"Their fight has taken over three years and I have sought to work with them to cut through the international bureaucracy.

"I pay tribute to them for their work and have no doubt that their commitment to the issue will help stop similar events being repeated to an-

other family. The most important element now is to ensure that other rafting operators understand the consequences if they don't change their practices.

"This case sets a precedent and a warning to ensure that all operators obey basic health and safety standards.

"I hope that last week's final judgement will allow them to grieve," he concluded.

Jamie's talk at Hensol

BRIDGEND Business Forum and RCT Business Club are extending a warm 'Croeso' to well-known BBC Wales presenter Jamie Owen, in celebration of St David's Day at the Vale Resort Hotel, Hensol tomorrow (Friday, February 28).

Jamie will be entertaining guests with his talk entitled 'Communicat-

ing - using the right words and some- times in the right order', which promises an insight into the world of TV broadcasting and journalism.

His career began in London where his voice was heard reading the shipping forecast, the news, and 'Today in Parliament' on BBC Radio Four.

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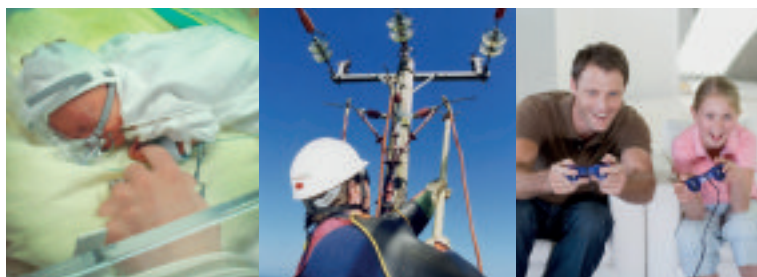


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'Protect historic assets' – appeal

A LIB DEM AM, Eluned Parrott, is calling on the Welsh Government to make local listing statutory, to "ensure local assets are protected for future generations".

She said communities across Wales have their own local historic buildings or structures that have important aspects of social, economic, cultural or military history that need to be preserved for future generations to enjoy.

"I believe it is essential to list and protect our local assets, so future generations can enjoy the significance of our history. This is essential as the forthcoming Heritage Bill aims to ensure the future of our past," the AM said.

"Assets of community history need to be maintained so that the local

sense of identity can be passed on. At the moment local authorities can choose to locally list buildings, so your community identity is dependent on your council.

"Local lists should be statutory so that all communities across Wales can place a marker on the assets in their area that make the community theirs.

"Local listing needs to carry weight so that assets can be protected. Communities can be left distraught when a local historic asset is demolished or renovated beyond recognition. Local assets need to be listed and its meaning made clear.

"Developers need to be aware of what can or can't be done to an asset. It is essential that any redevelopment allows the asset to maintain its local essence," she added.

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AFTER THE WEATHER TOLL... Attention turns to roads, schools, and the budget

I HAVE to begin this month's column with comments about the weather and the effect that it had on our county, particularly the coastal areas.

It seems that extreme weather, particularly the high winds and rain, is becoming the norm and it appears that we came off quite lightly, compared with other areas.

It was incredible to see the photographs of areas like Penarth Esplanade and Barry Island and although some damage was done, thankfully it was not on the scale of the devastation elsewhere, and our thoughts are with those who were either flooded or evacuated from their homes.

In relation to the aftermath of the storms, I would like to express my sincere thanks and admiration for the Vale Council staff, who helped keep the areas clear and safe, particularly the seaside areas – and not forgetting the emergency services that are always on hand and who, sometimes, we take for granted.

I have, however, been amazed at some of the queries, asking things like – "what happened to the sand on the Island and what are we going to do about it?"

In answer to those queries, the council has adopted a shoreline management plan, which details our strategic management arrangements for our coastline for the next 100 years. It

covers maintenance of existing sea defences in their current position, with upgrades to counter climate change and sea level rise as necessary.

The weather has also taken a toll on our roads, with many new pot holes appearing. We will be restarting the Big-Fill initiative throughout the Vale, where teams visit all wards in turn on weekends, and I would encourage members of the public to report pot holes for repair.

We will also be carrying out major road resurfacing next year in line with our promise to do so.

As promised, legal agreements are being finalised to start work on the new Island road in the next week or so.

Alongside that, we have a considerable regeneration scheme at the Eastern Promenade on Barry Island, and I am recommending additional funding for regeneration for both Barry and Penarth in next year's budget.

To continue our promise to protect schools and education, the proposed budget for next year again meets the funding requirement for schools, as suggested by Welsh Government, and we are continuing to develop our school investment programme.

We have consulted on creating a new co-education secondary school in Barry. The results have been positive and we will be continuing to work towards that goal.

As most will be aware, we are also currently building the Penarth Learning

VIEW FROM THE VALE



by Coun
NEIL MOORE
Leader of the
Vale of
Glamorgan
Council

Community, incorporating a new school for St Cyres and a new special educational needs school on the same site.

This is progressing extremely well; employing many new apprentices, and is on track to open earlier than planned. We are also extending Welsh medium provision and building a new Nant Talwg school in Barry.

Consultation has commenced on creating a new Llantwit Major Learning Community. This would involve developing a new, revamped secondary school and building a new primary school on the same site, integrating both Llanilltud Fawr and Eagleswell schools; as well as providing a new Dewi Sant Welsh medium school for the area.

This would provide brand new facilities and be much more economical than simply repairing the current school, which will need substantial investment without having the benefit of new and modern facilities.

I realise that there may be some who do not

want such a merger of schools, but unless this is agreed the opportunity of securing Welsh Government funding to build a new school will be lost.

Carrying out repairs alone would not do so and there is not enough money to carry out the necessary work within our current budgets without Welsh Government support.

I look forward to receiving a cabinet report on the outcome of the consultation next month.

I cannot ignore that I will, this week, present

the council's proposed budget for this year and the years ahead.

We are certainly in austere times and the council has had a massive five per cent reduction in its funding from central and Welsh governments, which equates to a cut of £8.5million.

We have had to find around £15million savings for this year and up to 2016/17. This will inevitably have an effect on the services that we have to provide.

However, we have tried to keep the impact to a minimum and we will continue to do all that is possible to continue to provide the best services that are needed.

We are, therefore, proposing an increase in council tax from April of 4.5 per cent, which is less than £1 per week for Band D properties (£44.28 for the year) and will be finally decided at the council meeting in March.

I wish I did not have to increase the charges, but under the circumstances, I consider the

budget to be fair and reasonable, as we continue to protect both education and social services and particularly those most at risk.

Finally, I would like to mention the recent fire at the Penarth Leisure Centre. It appears it may have started in the sauna suite, but as yet the actual cause is unknown.

I would like to pay tribute to the leisure centre staff who were absolutely brilliant and dealt with the situation with great professionalism. They calmly evacuated the centre, even helping some people to get home when they had to leave their possessions behind.

I am also very thankful for the work that the fire and rescue services provided. Thankfully, no one was hurt and the centre will hopefully reopen later in the week, with the obvious exception of the damaged area, which is separated from the main building.



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Council receives childcare grant

THE Vale Council is to receive £94,037 from the Welsh Government – to help provide affordable childcare out of school hours,

As well as childcare, the funding can be used to support holiday clubs and play schemes during the school holidays, supporting working parents.

The deputy minister for tackling poverty, Vaughan Gething said: "We will expect local authorities to show us how the money will be used to provide childcare provision which meets the needs of parents and carers."

"We know that many parents and carers work atypical hours, are on low income, have disabled children, and there is a need to consider how we meet the demand for Welsh language childcare."

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Rail talk

BARRY Railway Society's February lecture, '150 years of Danish railways, 1847-1997', will be given by John Wilmot at the Conservative Club, 15 Stanwell Road, Penarth, CF64 2EZ, tonight (Thursday, February 27) at 7.30pm.

Valeways walk

Today, February 27 at 10am, 'A fort and castle', starting at the Fox and Hounds public house, Llancarfan.

Merched y Wawr

THIS Saturday, March 1, from 10.30am - 12pm, 'Merched y Wawr' will hold a coffee morning at the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge with all proceeds to the Cylch Meithrin y Bontfaen.

A raffle, various stalls and freshly baked Welsh cakes will be available.

Entrance £2.50 for adults, will include Welsh cake and tea or coffee. Children admitted free.

Ar Dydd Sadwrn, Mawrth 1af, cynhelir Bore Coffi yn Neuadd Lai y Bontfaen rhwng 10.30am - 12pm gan Ferched y Wawr Bydd yr elw ar gyfer Cylch Meithrin y Bontfaen. Bydd raffl, stondinau amrywio a phice ar y maen wedi eu coginio yn ffres ar gael yn ystod y digwyddiad. Pris mynediad oedolyn bydd £2.50 i gynnwys te neu goffi a phicen ar y maen. Mynediad am ddim i blant. Croeso cynnes i bawb.

Rummage sale

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held in All Saints Church, Lesser hall, Victoria Square, Penarth on Saturday, March 1 from 10am until 11.30am. Entry 50p to include coffee/tea. Plenty of bargains for all. All proceeds for charity.

Councillors' surgery

THE Llantwit First Independents will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, March 1, from 9.30am until 11.30am. Residents who have an issue to raise are welcome to attend.

Mayor's coffee

THE Vale of Glamorgan Mayor is hosting a charity coffee morning in aid of RAFA Barry branch on Tuesday, March 4 from 10.30am-12noon in the Civic Office. All are welcome.

District Flower Arrangers Club

COWBRIDGE and District Flower Arrangers Club will meet at 7.30pm on Wednesday, March 5 in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge Town Hall.

Ruth Milton-Jones will give a demonstration entitled 'Fun of the Fairground.'

Come, relax and enjoy the evening. A warm welcome

awaits you.

Art society

AT Cowbridge Art Society on March 6, Abergavenny artist Jantien Powell will lead a practical session on painting (poppies with acrylic, ink and pastels).

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, 7pm - 9pm and visitors and new members are welcome. For details of activities see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com.

Bowls meeting

LLANTWIT Ladies Bowling Club's pre-season meeting has been changed to Friday, March 7 at 2.30pm. Old and new members are welcome; free coaching.

Cowbridge lecture

COWBRIDGE History Society's next lecture will be on Friday, March 7 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall of the Town Hall, Cowbridge, entitled: Rorke's Drift - Zulu and the Welsh Connection, by Don Gerrard (Cowbridge History Society). All welcome!

Happy mediums

An evening of mediumship will be presented by Barry National Spiritualist Church and Centre, Buttrills Road, Barry, on Monday, March 3 at 7pm, with Moya O'Dwyer and Leah Bond.

It's easy to fall for the charms of Her

JOAQUIN PHOENIX has built an impressive body of work, teaming with directors to produce solid work that, more often than not, achieves critical, if not box office, acclaim.

Coming off the back of an Oscar-nominated turn in Paul Thomas Anderson's *The Master*, Phoenix partners with Spike Jonze in *Her*.

Phoenix plays Theodore, a lonely, recently separated writer, who purchases a new operating system for his computer; when said operating system is installed, calling herself Samantha (and voiced by Scarlett Johansson), Theodore finds himself slowly falling for the system, and Theodore's life becomes a far better proposition - but for how long?

The concept of artificial intelligence being able to match, and even supercede, human intelligence is one that has fuelled cinema for years, whether it be action blockbuster or thoughtful small-scale films.

Her is a film that leans on the latter, but while it's a premise that could be played for broad laughs, the end result is a film that is tender and contemplative, a work that takes a mirror to the habits of a population seemingly more invested in technology than humanity, and shows the outcome of such habits; it's emotive, touching and intelligent, if perhaps slightly too drawn-out.

Spike Jonze's filmography is littered with woozy, offbeat subject matter, yet married to an emotional core that always grounds the subject matter, and *Her* is no different; the set-up giving way to what you could class as a traditional romantic film.

The characters meet, fall for each other and then slowly the sheen of the new relationship gives way to recriminations and misunderstanding; the fact that this occurs between a man and a computer system almost feels redundant, and is downplayed beautifully.

Visually Jonze gives the film a futuristic feel yet without being gimmicky; the technology is in advance of our own, physical books are

now a rarity (something that seems to be getting closer each day) but the concerns and emotions are all too real.

Jonze invests a light touch but with an undercurrent of sadness and melancholia, and, as Samantha becomes more sentient, a slightly darker, sinister edge that slowly builds towards a climax which is both low-key and fitting.

Having written the script as well, there are the common elements of low-key comedy at play that pervade Jonze's work, but the film's main message concerns our use and reliance on technology.

The world Jonze has created is one thoroughly lacking in human interaction (aside from Theodore's friendship with neighbour Amy, beautifully played by Amy Adams), people are too engaged in their computers and phones to actually engage with each other.

Theodore's attempt at dating goes awkwardly wrong, while Samantha's attempts to engage the use of a surrogate to fulfil the physical side of their relationship meets a similarly toe-curling end; it seems Jonze has desensitised the characters to humanity, a technology-obsessed populace flirting around the edges with the real world.

It is both a warning message and also a reflection of modern society, even down to Theodore's job of composing letters on behalf of people to their loved ones.

The performances are wonderfully measured, Joaquin Phoenix embodying Theodore with a sad-sack quality, a man who is crying out to be awoken from his mundane life and, per-



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haps, seeking solace in the fact he can engage in something without the commitment of being with someone real.

It's a beautiful performance, subtle and aching, and given that he spends the majority of his screentime conversing with a voice, all the more impressive.

Said voice is essayed with aplomb by Scarlett Johansson, whose smoky larynx gives Samantha a personality rather than a disembodied voice; it's easy to see why Theodore falls

for her, but as the relationship grows and the first seeds of doubt are thrown in, Johansson manages to convey the changes with great effect.

Certainly, the film does feel a bit leggy in places, with some story elements stretched out a little too much, and some of the emotional impact doesn't quite hit home as hard as intended; but as a piece of work that makes you feel and think, *Her* succeeds in every way, a beautiful piece of work that satisfies.

VERDICT - A touching film about human disconnect and the urge to lose ourselves in virtual worlds, *Her* is a gorgeous effort, wonderfully brought to life by Joaquin Phoenix and Scarlett Johansson's vocals; Spike Jonze's writing is sharp, his direction woosily beautiful, and it all comes together to make a captivating watch. *Highly recommended.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Lost In Translation* (2003), *Blue Valentine* (2010).

Huw and JPR to 'doodle' for Epilepsy Action

BRIDGEND-BORN newsreader Huw Edwards and former rugby union star JPR Williams are among a host of famous faces who have put pen to paper to take part in this year's National Doodle Day.

Their doodles will be auctioned on eBay, along with dozens of celebrity scribbles, from Friday,

March 7 National Doodle Day. The auction will raise money for national charity Epilepsy Action.

Information on the National Doodle Day celebrity auction and competition can be found at nationaldoodleday.org.uk. The auction will run from March 7 to Sunday, March 16.

The closing date for entries into the National Doodle Day competition is Friday, April 4.



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Lottery cash for good causes

MORE than £3.4 million of National Lottery funding was invested into the Vale and Bridgend county borough last year.

A total of 237 grants were awarded, providing a cash boost to local arts, sport and heritage and community groups helping the area's most vulnerable people.

A Lottery spokesman said: "In 2013, grants awarded included £5,078 to 5th Barry (Salem Baptist) Sea Scout Group for a safety boat cover for canoeing and sailing; £50,000 to the Vale Council for a light art commission to enhance the iconic eastern shelter on the promenade at Barry Island; and £1,245 to Cowbridge Judo Club to buy equip-

ment and for coach education."

These projects, and any organisation which has received Lottery funding, have a chance to gain national recognition for their work, as the National Lottery Awards 2014 open for entries.

The winners of The National Lottery Awards will receive a £2,000 cash prize and national recognition at a star-studded event broadcast on BBC-1 later this year.

If you want to see a local project celebrated in this year's National Lottery Awards, visit www.nationallotteryawards.org.uk to find out more or call 0207 293 3599; entries must be received by midnight on March 12.

George's fond memories of Barry Town AFC (and his sporting travels!)



From left to right: 1. ? 2. The manager, Harry Haslam. 3. George Gray. 4. Colin Vincent. 5. Peter Isaacs. 6. John Prosser. 7. Ken Dolman. 8. Albert Gardner (trainer). 9. Basil Bright. 10. Brian James. 11. ? 12. George Evans. 13. ? Brewer. 14. Trevor Clarke. 15. Dick Twigg. 16. Bill Hanbury. 17. Mr Snook (Director).... Can readers fill in the blanks and tell us more?

FORMER Barry Town AFC footballer, George Evans, supplied The GEM with this nostalgic reminder of the team in the late 1950s – but wonders whether anyone can fill in the blanks.

The photograph was taken during a reception at a hotel in Torbay.

George explained: "I know it was in the late 1950s, but I can't remember the exact date.

"We were in Torbay because we were playing Exeter. There aren't many of us left – I'm 78 now."

The manager, Harry Haslam (second left) died in 1986 at the age of 65. He was more famous for managing Sheffield United in the late seventies and in the mid-seventies getting Luton Town promotion to the top tier of English football, then known as the First Division.

George, who is from Barry, and now lives in Rhosce, excelled at two sports.

"I got a Welsh youth football cap against England and played in the Southern League and the Welsh League, and I was the Welsh table tennis champion five times."

After his football career was over, George was invited to play in the German table tennis league and competed well into his forties.

"At the time, Kevin Keegan was playing football for Hamburg."

"I used to go and watch Hamburg and on one occasion a chap sat next to me and when I looked across at him I realised it was Franz Beckenbauer."

"I also got the chance to meet Kevin Keegan. He was a very friendly, sociable guy."

That period also led to one of his most enduring friendships.

"At one time the German table tennis league only allowed one foreigner per team, but eventually they relaxed the rule."

"A Chinese player joined, Liang Geliang. We hit it off and are still in touch all these years later."

George has visited 35 countries in his life – many of them thanks to his career in table tennis.

Of all the countries he visited, one leaves the most indelible mark on his memory.

"In 1977, I went to play in Pyongyang, North Korea."

"Every room contained a photograph of the leader. An American threw one of the photographs out of the window and there was an investigation. It was very frightening wondering whether we would get out of the country."

From his twenties until his mid-forties, George worked as a 'trimmer' at Barry docks, helping in the safe movement of coal into ships that took the 'black gold' around the globe.

Nowadays, George enjoys another sport.

"I play golf at Wenvoe Golf Club. Sometimes I talk to a friend about football and he is the same as me – we prefer rugby. I don't like all the diving and wrestling matches in the box – that's not football."

THE BEAR HOTEL LINKS UP WITH LEISURE CENTRE

THE Bear Hotel in Cowbridge and the town's leisure centre have teamed up to offer any visitors who stay at the Bear Hotel use of the centre.

The leisure centre is situated just behind the hotel, boasts a 50-station gym, and runs a variety of classes to help people improve and reach health and fitness goals.

Managing director of the Bear Hotel, Julian Hitchcock, speaking about the partnership, said: "We are proud of our local connections and we have been looking at a way of helping our residents to keep fit while they are staying with us – and with the leisure centre on our doorstep, this seemed the ideal way."

"I and my Bear Back Riders team will be taking part in the East Coast Cycle Ride for Velindre in September, so know the importance of keeping in shape."

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Sandville centre thanks Cardiff and Vale College students for their support



The students with Sandville reflexologist Colin Karp.

A GROUP of complementary therapy students from Cardiff and Vale College have been thanked for their hard work during work placements at a south Wales self-help centre.

The students practised reflexology at the Sandville Self-help Centre, which is based in Ton Kenfig, near Porthcawl. Sandville treats people with a range of illnesses, as well as their friends and relatives.

The Level 3 students also received treatments from the centre's therapists.

Colin Karp, a reflexologist at Sandville, visited the students at the College's Colcot Road site in a personal capacity to thank the students and give them some feedback.

"The response that I have had was very positive," Colin said.

"Everyone has said that the students have been very courteous and effective. Congratulations to them and many thanks to the college for all of the help that you have given us."

The CAVC head of hairdressing, beauty and complementary therapies, Ceri Evans, said: "Working with Sandville

has given our learners extensive knowledge in treating individuals with a wide variety of long-term illnesses.

"This experience has

encouraged some of our learners to continue their work experience into the voluntary sector and really make a difference in their communities."

Barry schoolgirl's death was accident

AN inquest in Cardiff this week recorded a verdict of accidental death on a Barry schoolgirl.

Georgia Marshall, 13, received a fatal electric shock when she touched an aluminium ladder in the family home.

The inquest heard that an electric cable that was wrapped around the ladder had become worn, and a live wire had come into contact with the metal ladder.

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Four speakers enthral English Speaking Union



Enid Evans and Catherine James from St Nicholas' who helped with the schools' public speaking competitions.

Words and pictures by **HEATHER MARCH.**

FROM Treorchy to Timbuktoo was the intriguing title of the February lunch and meeting of the south Wales branch of the English Speaking Union.

Members were given an insight into 'where their money goes' – as four speakers gave presentations on their projects, all sponsored by the branch. The aim of the ESU is to promote the English language at home and overseas and this was certainly demonstrated.

Annie Syrett told of her work with street children in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where knowledge of English lifts many into employment.

Anna-Rose Thomas (aged 16) from Treorchy Comprehensive, demonstrated her public speaking ability. Last year, this school team won the Wales competition finals, run by the branch (26 schools entered teams) and went on to the ESU national finals, where Anna-Rose was chosen as the best overall speaker. Her two team mates also came to the lunch.

Sandra Skinner from Hay-on-Wye spoke of that town's twinning with Timbuktoo, West Africa, and the value of the sponsorship to help teach remedial English to children there.

The last speaker was Alex Palmer, a student on the BA (Hons) acting course at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama who has this year won the branch-sponsored award for achievement in Shakespeare, and who gave an enthralling taste of his performances in *Richard II*, *Twelfth Night* and *Hamlet*.

All 100 members who attended agreed that this informative afternoon had been a great success and were delighted to also welcome students from Howells School, Llandaff, whose staff are hosting a new primary schools speaking competition in conjunction with the branch.

The next meeting of the branch (membership now approximately 300) will be on April 29 at the Cardiff City Stadium, when the speaker will be Lady Carnarvon on 'The Real Downton Abbey'.

For details of membership contact Derek Morgan, chairman, on 01656 669129.



Murriel Harrison (ESU regional development officer) and Molly, with David Owen from Penarth.



Sir Norman Lloyd Edwards (president) and the four speakers: Sandra Skinner, Annie Syrett, Alex Palper and Anna-Rose Thomas.



LEFT: Ian Campbell (from Penarth) and Kate Thomas from Nelson – Lord Lieutenant of Mid-Glamorgan.



Derek Morgan with Lowri Pritchard and the Treorchy team, Anna-Rose Thomas, Josh Wilson and Liam Nagle-Coco.

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WINA campaign dispels the myths... Local newspapers are With You All The Way'

AN unprecedented multi-media promotional campaign is being mounted nationwide by local weekly newspapers and the Weekly Independent Newspaper Association (WINA).

WINA will lead the UK's 930 weekly newspapers in reinforcing awareness of the involvement local weekly newspapers have in the wellbeing of their local communities and the role that the local weekly newspaper plays as a focal point of community life.

A TV campaign with a 30-second showcase advertisement was launched on February 21, on Granada, Border, Yorkshire (South, Central, East and West) ITV, LWT and Meridian (East and West), (areas specific to WINA newspaper titles) backed up by a 90-second extended version to be featured on all weekly newspaper websites across the UK.

A specially commissioned song, 'Movies in My Mind' has been composed and is used in the promotion.

'With You All The Way' can be viewed at:

<http://localweeklynewspapers.co.uk/>.

Using animation, it has been possible to vividly bring to life the interaction between a central character named Ray, his local community and his local weekly newspaper.

Starting shortly after his birth, (reported in the newspaper birth columns) Ray is then seen featuring in a Nativity play – as a donkey.

A local newspaper photographer is present. At a campaign run in the local paper to save a local wood Ray

meets his future wife and he later buys a cafe from advertising within the local paper and refurbishes it from services found within the classified columns, culminating in a local 30 year anniversary news piece.

Finally, the story turns full circle at a Nativity play which includes a performance by Ray's grandson – this time also reported online by the local weekly newspaper, and shown on a tablet held by his grandfather.

The campaign has the support of the Newspaper Society, the organisation representing the local press throughout the UK.

Local weekly newspapers' audience is bigger than ever – having a weekly readership of 22.5 million every week across the country in every town, village and community in the UK and a growing online and mobile audience expanding this figure to approximately 25 million each week.

The coverage and readership Local Weeklies have in print and online in their communities is larger than any other media.

Local Weeklies remain closely connected to their local communities and are trusted more than any other media within them.

Joanna Parlbay (Chairman of WINA and Managing Director of Newark Advertiser Media Group), said: "We are working to dispel some of the myths that local newspapers and the role they have in their communities may be under threat.

"There have always been and will be challenges, but we are confident that the closeness and trust we share with the readers and advertisers we have in every community in print and

online will enable us to carry on serving them as we have done through the many economic upturns and downturns there have been, and the evolution of media into the 21st century".

The promotion was originally the idea of Sir Ray Tindle (Chairman of Tindle Newspapers), who said: "I am delighted that this promotion for local weekly newspapers has come to fruition through the great drive and effort of Joanna Parlbay as Chairman of WINA, Russell Whitehair, Geraldine Allinson, and Jeremy Willis".

David Newell (Director of the Newspaper society), said: "Weekly newspapers are the cornerstone of the newspaper industry in the UK. They connect communities and businesses together in a way which no other media can.

"Today marks the launch of a nationwide initiative to promote weekly newspapers and celebrate their success and their future.

"The Newspaper Society will play its full part in supporting the WINA campaign and in ensuring key opinion formers understand the central role weekly newspapers have in today's media landscape".

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VOICES FROM THE FACTORY FLOOR

RIGHT:
Jane Hutt AM with
Chair Jenny Sabine
and local historian
Deidre Beddoe.



VALE AM Jane Hutt met members and staff from the Women's Archive of Wales at an event in the Senedd on February 19, and learnt more about their latest project, 'Voices from the Factory Floor.'

The project has secured a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to record the oral histories of women who worked in light industry factories throughout Wales between 1945 and 1973.

The AM said: "I am proud to be a member of the Women's Archive of Wales, which seeks to promote the recognition of women in Welsh history and preserve fascinating sources of women's history in Wales.

"If you are interested in learning more about this wonderful charity, please visit their website at www.womensarchive-wales.org" she urged.

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The theme of the fun day is to celebrate the child's right to play and there will be plenty of play activities on offer for both children and adults of all ages to enjoy, all with a Welsh theme.

Admission is FREE and there will be the chance to try some arts and crafts, junk modelling, photography, clay, baking Welsh cakes and soft play.

Toys and activities will be provided for under-fives with their parents in the Palmerston Centre crèche. Parents will be able to join in the fun, or relax with a coffee, while the children play under the supervision of Vale of Glamorgan play staff.

Families are welcome to get into the spirit of the occasion by wearing their Welsh hats and costumes.

For more information, contact the Play Development team or call Palmerston Centre on 01446 733762.

Apprentice off to work in Cyprus

BEAUTY apprentice Anna Henley, from the Vale Resort Spa, Hensol, has been selected for a work experience placement in Paphos, Cyprus from May 31.

The visit has been arranged by hair and beauty training provider ISA Training, based at Pencoed in partnership with Discovery Training in Cyprus.

The two training providers signed a pioneering international partnership last year to deliver hairdressing and beauty qualifications in Cyprus. ISA Training provides verification and support for City & Guilds apprenticeships in hairdressing and beauty delivered by Discovery Training's three training centres.

Anna will join a group of 10 apprentices and two staff on the trip to Paphos, where she will spend two weeks working in a salon. As the owner and customers speak Greek, the apprentices are now learning the language to help them settle in quickly.

"It's an amazing opportunity and, as I want to work abroad in the future, I think it will be the perfect experience for me," said Anna, who began her apprenticeship at the Vale Resort Spa last July.

"I'm excited about seeing what the salons, spas and general work culture are like in Cyprus." ISA Training's managing director Berni Tyler thanked owners of salons for agreeing to release their apprentices for two weeks in June.

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tion posted every Wednesday, the answer to which can be found in that week's edition.

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The entry cost (£7.50 for adults and £3 for children) includes savoury and sweet pancakes and tea or coffee, and there will also be a raffle and tombola. The lunch takes place on the gallery in the church, with all proceeds to the church re-ordering fund.

At 6.30pm, please join us for a Praise and Pancake Party, with contemporary worship music led by the All Saints Worship Team. This uplifting service for all the family will begin at 6.30pm, with a break for refreshments at about 7pm. All are welcome at both events. For more information visit, www.all-saintspenarth.org.uk.

All Saints Church in Penarth held two special services during February on the theme 'Don't worry - trust God!' This was based on the teaching in Matthew's Gospel where Jesus points to the birds of the air and lilies of the field to emphasise how God will take care of our needs.

The monthly Messy Church event on February 16 gave a large number of families the opportunity to enjoy a range of crafts, games and activities related to this message, including making lilies, 'Trust God' bookmarks, floating prayer flowers and Lego birds.

Dawn Casey led the worship with Nigel Lloyd-Latham at the piano, before everyone sat down to a delicious tea.



ABOVE: Making bookmarks at All Saints' Messy Church event.

A well-attended family service on Sunday, February 23 built on the theme, with hymns and worship songs led by the choir, youth group and musical ensemble.

Rev Peter Cox gave the address, aided by some interesting bird puppets, and there was an opportunity for everyone present to lay a stone representing their worries at the foot of the cross.

The 12th Penarth Brownies were, as usual, in attendance and this month shared their Brownie song, as well as a short history of the Brownies who were founded 100 years ago this year.

The March Messy Church and family service will focus on baptism and being part of the family of God - all are welcome! For more information visit www.all-saintspenarth.org.uk.

MEL GRIFFIN
(Churchwarden)

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number

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For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.



Jane Hutt with pupils, teachers, parents, and governors from Dinas Powys Infant School.

Infants launch 'Book Start' with AM

ON Monday, February 17, pupils, parents, teachers and governors from Dinas Powys Infants School met Vale AM, Jane Hutt, at the Senedd at the launch of the Book Trust's 'Book Start' programme. Pupils talked to her about their love of learning through reading and books.

Praise for Pavilion facelift, but...

THE newly re-vamped Penarth Pavilion on the Pier, run by a charitable trust, has been praised by south Wales central AM Andrew RT Davies.

"The transformation of the pier is remarkable. The Pavilion itself has a rich local history and it is wonderful to see it being brought back into local community use," he said.

"I was particularly pleased to see that funding has been secured

to offer art classes for children with special needs, young carers and other young people."

However, the Conservative AM added: "Clearly more could still be done by the local authority to support the development of Penarth Pier as a tourist attraction.

"Parking remains a huge issue on Penarth seafront and that needs to be addressed for the sake of all of local businesses, and there is limited signposting in the town itself driving visitors towards the pier."



Andrew RT Davies AM at Penarth Pavilion on the Pier, with Director David Trotman.

'Save college site' says FoE



THE next meeting of Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth will be on Tuesday, March 4, at 7.30pm, in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry.

The group were active on Saturday, setting up their stall outside the

town hall in Cowbridge, to support the 'Vale's Not For Shale' concert organised by The Vale Says No to Fracking.

The group continue to argue the need for changes to the LDP, especially for green belts and housing and will be active in opposing any proposals for housing at Weycock Cross, including the college site, which is set in the middle of Barry's ancient woods, protected by a SSSI status.

This site should not fall prey to greedy developers wishing to place exclusive apartments in our ancient woods. Rather, Barry & Vale FoE will be arguing for the college site to once again become a centre for education, especially environmental education, for the children of the Vale and for a sustainable future.

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40 years on, Vale Brass Band still going strong!

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It was formed in January 1974, after two public meetings, at the request of the Barry Carnival Committee. Some instruments were available from the old Barry Silver Band, which went out of existence in 1955.

Islwyn Williams, a former member of the band, started a series of youth classes using instruments dating from 1918, but these were in a bad state of repair.

Following public meetings, local industries and businesses in the area were approached and fundraising activities started. Within six months, several new and reconditioned instruments were purchased, enabling the band to take part in activities for the carnival committee, including leading the carnival parade, with 32 players.

In October 1983, the band took over the Gospel Hall on Barry Road as its bandroom, staying there for almost 20 years, before relocating to its present site at Barry Athletic Club, Barry Island.

Over the last 40 years, the band has had its 'ups and downs' and five years ago almost went out of existence, with only eight playing members; but they carried on and under the leadership of

musical director Dave Short, formed the nucleus of the 25 players in the band today.

Two years ago, it entered the Welsh National Eisteddfod brass band competition in the Vale and achieved a creditable third place in the fourth section standings.

Encouraged by this result, the band entered two other competitions last year and although not winning any prizes, gave a good account of themselves. Besides competitions, the band take part in concerts both indoor and outdoor.

This Saturday (March 1), the band will be joining The Porthcawl Male Choir in their St David's Day Celebration Concert at All Saints Church, Victoria Avenue, Porthcawl, for an evening of music to celebrate St David's Day.

The band rehearses on Mondays at 7.30pm and welcomes anyone who can play to come along.

We do have some instruments but if you have a cornet, trombone or any other brass instrument gathering dust in your attic, why not give it a clean and come and have a blow?

If you haven't played for years, we have a training band at 6.15pm to get you started. We meet at Barry Athletic Club on Barry Island. For further details, contact www.valeofglamorganbrassband.co.uk or ring 0791796841.

PHIL MAUNDER

'Professor of motors' looks to the future

ON February 18, Professor Gareth Rhys CBE, spoke to the Dinas Powys Probosc Club on 'The global automotive sector'.

Professor Rhys is an Emeritus Professor at Cardiff University Business School and a world authority on the motor industry. After graduating from Swansea University, he completed a thesis on the motor sector and soon became an acknowledged expert.

He began by assuring members that cars would always be in demand, they are convenient and are flexible in design, whereas public transport is a compromise. Car manufacture is growing at a huge rate, more cars have been made in the last 20 years than were made in the previous 120.

Not long ago, there were 500,000 cars in China, now there are 16,500,000, as incomes rise and cars there become more affordable.

Currently in China, there is one car to every seven people – in the UK the ratio is one car to two people.

There have been 180 new assembly plants constructed around the world in the last 10 years, but there is still enormous scope for further expansion, as only six countries around the world make cars. Australia, for example, has no car manufacturing facility.

Relatively few cars are now made in the UK. The most productive are the Nissan plant in Sunderland and the Jaguar and

Land Rover plants, but we still make a vast number of components, most of which are exported.

Ford, which has a large plant at Bridgend, make one in four of every engine made in the world and GKN still has a significant component business.

However, it could have been much better for the UK. At the end of the Second World War, Britain was given the chance to take over VW, but the government decided that the company had no future and so declined the offer.

They thought that the now defunct Rootes Group was a better bet!

VW now make 25 per cent of all cars in Europe, embracing VW, Audi, Bentley, Porsche, Minis and Skoda.

However, we still export 60 per cent of all cars made in this country and the value of these exports exceeds the value of im-

ports, even though we import 80 per cent of all the cars in this country, because of the high value of Rolls, Bentley and Aston Martins. Jaguar Motors are improving but need to expand their range. Imports are usually low value items.

Professor Rhys firmly believes that the future for the motor industry lies in telematics. Within the next 15 years, cars will be totally controlled by a computer which will steer, brake, avoid collisions and monitor the speed in accordance with set limits, and by so doing will put insurance companies out of business and traffic police will be redundant. Electric cars will be the norm.

Professor Rhys's talk covered a huge scope of the industry world-wide and was full of humour. The vote of thanks was given by Geoff Winter.

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Learning to play the numbers game

ON February 18, the Vale NFU Ladies met as usual at the Penryn Hall, when the speaker was Janet Israel, who talked about numbers regarding your health.

Cholesterol numbers, blood pressure numbers, body mass, weight – all numbers we should know, if we want to keep fit and healthy.

Janet talked enthusiastically and we all felt that a new year has started, with NFU Ladies determined to get in tip top condition. (It was noted that the chocolate biscuits were not cleared, as is usual!) Tina Wride gave the vote of

thanks. This meeting also took the format of the AGM and Janet Lewis, retiring chairperson, thanked her committee for supporting her during the last two years.

It is customary with the Ladies NFU that the chairperson chooses a charity of her choice to receive a donation. Janet chose the Motor Neurone Disease charity and the ladies agreed that £400 be sent.

Janet took this opportunity to welcome the new chairperson, Ann Rees who announced that the next meeting will be on March 18 at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome. JS

Monknash church's close connection to Neath Abbey

WE read with considerable interest the article concerning recent archaeological discoveries and other 'finds' along the Vale coastline (The GEM February 6, 2014).

Of particular interest to us was the discovery of human remains which we presume had been eroded from the cliff edge at Cwm Nash in the parish of Monknash.

These remains undoubtedly came from formal Christian burials in an eroding burial ground, partially excavated by a local archaeological trust some 20 years ago.

These were located in the floor of the valley known as Cwm Nash.

Your readers may be interested to learn that the nearby parish church of Monknash was originally a chapel attached to the monastic grange of Nash, which belonged to Neath Abbey.

In accord with monastic regulations, this chapel had no rights of baptism or burial.

After the dissolution of the monasteries in 1535, the grange came into the possession of the Stradling family of St Donats.

The chapel in function became a parish church serving the village community, which had grown up around the ruins of the now-abandoned monastic grange.

However, there was a problem – namely that the church still lacked

the essential legal rights of baptism and burial.

The solution: a secret and unofficial burial ground was established on the floor of Cwm Nash, adjacent to a holy well dedicated to Our Lady Mary.

This situation was relieved in 1607, when Bishop Francis Godwin of Llandaff granted, on behalf of the parishioners, the right of baptism and burials – both in the chapel of Monknash and in an adjoining cemetery newly marked out for them.

It is also possible that the temporary burial place in Cwm Nash, evidently used in the period 1535 – 1607, continued to be used as a secret burial place for Roman Catholics, as the Stradling patrons of the church were 'notorious' Catholic recusants.

Radiocarbon dates obtained from the previous cemetery excavations agree with the documentary evidence for a mid 16th – early 17th century date.

Further insights into the above may be garnered from publications such as *CAH Green's 'Notes on Churches in the Diocese of Llandaff' (1906)* p76 for Monknash and *'The Holy Wells of Wales' by Francis Jones (1954)* p181 – 'Ffynon Fair in Cwm Nash Valley, Monknash parish near the site of an old chapel'.

Gareth Dowdell BAMIFA, and Howard J Thomas MAFSA, Gower.

Sully author is in running for book prize

FOR the second year running, Cardiff-based publisher, Candy Jar Books, is in with a chance of winning a 'People's Book Prize' – this time with a Vale author.

Last year *One Woman's War* took away the non-fiction trophy to the great delight of the

author, Eileen Younghusband, and the Candy Jar team.

Eileen Younghusband, aged 92, from Sully is nominated in the non-fiction category for *Men I Have Known*.

Eileen said: "I was lucky enough to win this award for my previous book, *One Woman's War*. To be nominated again is a real honour and I truly appreciate the time people take to vote."

Founded by best-selling author Dame Beryl Bainbridge, The People's Book Prize is a literary competition open to all published authors and judged solely by the general public.

Votes cast at this stage will determine whether the authors make it through to the finals. All shortlisted titles will then call for additional votes to determine the overall winners.

Voting is open until tomorrow, February 28 via www.peoples-bookprize.com.

VALE SHOW RELAUNCHES FOOD HALL

THE Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society is delighted to be relaunching the Food Hall at this year's Vale Show.

Having secured funding from The Vale of Glamorgan Farmers' market and Cywain, it will be called 'The Vale Farmers' Market Food Court' and will accommodate a wide range of artisan food producers.

The show is held at Fommon Castle on August 13 and with the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival taking a break this year, it will be one of the premier food events in the Vale.

All exhibitors will be from within Wales, with priority given to Vale producers.

A spokesperson said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for small artisan pro-

ducers to showcase what they do and for the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society to lead the way in promoting the amazing produce that is available locally.

"For the first time for many years, we will be having cooked food stalls where the public can buy their lunch, and enjoy truly local produce."

"There will be a seating area to sit and enjoy your food and watch the cookery demonstrations that will be going on throughout the day, with chefs using ingredients available from within the food court."

Any local producers wishing to be part of this exciting new venture should contact by email: valeglamfarmersmarket@gmail.com or 01446 771033 for an application form.

ME

'Don't build homes on outskirts of town' SAYS PLAID COUNCILLOR

PLAID CYMRU councillor Ian Johnson has expressed concern that the recent consultation on the Local Development Plan has been used as an opportunity for housing developers to suggest new estates around the outskirts of Barry.

The list of representations on the LDP was re-

cently published, including proposals to once again include a candidate site at the rear of housing by Highlight Park at the Brynhill Golf Club, and another towards the Barry College annexe site near Barry Hawking Centre by Weycock Cross.

Coun Ian Johnson said: "It is worrying that housing developers have used this consultation on the LDP to push their own agendas for building outside of what we traditionally think of as Barry."

"The proposals in the most recent LDP were quite clear – there was no need for additional housing sites on the outskirts of Barry other than those proposed at the top of Pencoeudre."

"It is not more sites that we need in the LDP, but fewer."

"Barry has a well-established need for smaller and affordable houses. Those should be developed on brownfield sites, such as the Waterfront."

GEM Reader Competition

What's your favourite meal?
Fish finger sandwiches? Spaghetti bolognese?

Oscars of Cowbridge
are giving one young reader the chance to have their favourite meal featured on the Oscars Young Ones Menu for lots of other children to enjoy too. One winner will be chosen.

OSCARS



The winner and their family will then be invited to Oscars for a meal up to the value of £60.00.

All you have to do is tell us...

What is your favourite meal?

My favourite meal is _____

My name is _____

I am _____ years old.

My parent/guardian's name is: _____

and telephone _____

Please post to Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, Eastgate, Cowbridge, CF71 7EL or you can email us your entry at gemsales@tindlenews.co.uk

Closing date for entries is Friday 28th February.



Happy St David's Day!



'BE CHEERFUL AND KEEP YOUR FAITH!' Welsh patron saint's appeal should be remembered on his special day

ON March 1 each year we celebrate our patron saint, Dewi Sant or St David, who died on that day in 589AD.

To mark the day, Welsh people around the world wear one or both of our national emblems – a daffodil or leek – and celebrate at special concerts and processions.

This year, St David's Day falls on a Saturday.

Dewi was educated in Cardiganshire and then went on pilgrimages, founding religious centres across Wales and England,

including one at Glastonbury.

He even travelled as far afield as Jerusalem, where he was made an archbishop.

He eventually settled at Glyn Rhosyn (now St Davids) in west Wales, where he established a religious community.

Many miracles have been attributed to him. The most incredible being when he caused the ground to rise beneath him when preaching so that everyone could see and hear him.

As he prepared for death, David told his devoted followers to: "Be cheerful and keep your faith and belief, and do the little things that you have heard and seen through me."

The cathedral of St Davids in Pembrokeshire, where his remains are buried, became a popular place of pilgrimage.

It was said that two pilgrimages to St Davids equalled one to Rome, and three equalled one to Jerusalem.

Dathlu Gw l Ddewi a'r Gymraeg...

BOB nos Lun gall Cymry a Cymraeg a dysgwyr hyderus ddod i ddysgu sgiliau newydd drwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg yng Nghanolfan Addysg Oedolion a Chymunedol Palmerston, Y Barri. Ceir dosbarth canu, gweithdy crefftau a chwythnosol, a chwbl llyfrau, cyfrifiaduron a cheffft addurno teisennau yn fisol.

NEWYDD: Ym mis Mawrth bydd dosbarth Gwella'ch Cymraeg yn dechrau, sy'n arbennig ar gyfer cyn-ddisgyblion ysgolion Cymraeg a hof-

fai fagu hyder ac ailgydio yn yr iaith. Hefyd i ddod: Hel Achau, Crefft Gwŵio, Drama a mwyl. Dewch i gael blas ar ein menter Gymraeg a mwynhau cerddoriaeth a sgwrs ar Fawrth 3ydd yn ein dathliad Gwyl Ddewi!

Celebrate St David, in Welsh!

WELSH speakers and learners are enjoying new opportunities to learn through the medium of Welsh at Palmerston Adult and Community Learning Centre in Barry every

Monday evening. Singing in Welsh, craft workshops and coffee and chat run weekly, and once a month there is a book club, board games, computing and cake decorating.

NEW in March: Improve your Welsh - a course especially aimed at former pupils of Welsh medium schools who wish to reconnect with the language and gain confidence.

Also to come: Trace your Ancestry, Sewing and Dressmaking, Drama and more! Come and see for yourself and enjoy music and activities on March 3 in St David's celebrations.

THE EERIE SOUND OF PHANTOM SINGING ON ST DAVID'S DAY

MARCH was originally the first month on the calendar year prior to the introduction of the Julian and New Style Gregorian calendar in 1752.

It was named after Mars, the Roman god of war, from the Roman word Martius.

Meteorologically, the first day in March is the beginning of the spring season: whereas the March equinox on 20/21 marks the astronomical birth of spring.

The birth flowers of March are the daffodil, jonquil and narcissus, which is a wild daffodil. They all symbolise rebirth, happiness and friendship. Narcissus (also known as the lily crocus) comes from Greek mythology and was named after a boy of the same name who was cruelly transformed into a flower.

The gemstone for this spring month is aquamarine, which comes from the Latin word aqua meaning water. This gemstone was believed to protect sailors and sea voyagers. Its tranquil colour is said to encompass the body with calm and levelheadedness.

March's second birthstone is the bloodstone, a darkish green jasper with red spots of iron oxide. The star signs of March are Pisces (until 22nd) and Aries.

A familiar poem to many is William Wordsworth's *Daffodils*; a poem my mother taught me as a child as she adored this particular spring flower: "I wandered lonely as a cloud That floats on high o'er vales and hills, When all at once I saw a crowd, A host, of golden daffodils; Beside the lake, beneath the trees, Fluttering and dancing in the breeze."

March, as with other months of the year, holds an array of festival days, which begins with our Patron Saint David on the 1st.

The Welsh traditionally celebrate his life with singing, concerts, parades, the wearing of leeks or daffodils and dressing in traditional Welsh costumes.

The daffodil became a popular Welsh symbol in the 19th Century, when David Lloyd George displayed it at the 1911 Investiture and official publications.

March 15 relates to the *Ides of March* from the Roman calendar, a date when the month was divided into two equal parts. It was also the date on which Julius Caesar was assassinated in 44BC.

St Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17 in Ireland. He is their Patron Saint and March 25 is known as Lady Day, which is the feast of the Annunciation. Superstition states that if Easter was to fall upon this date, disaster would follow soon.

A date that is more recently added as a special day is Purple Day, which aims to raise awareness and funds for epilepsy, and is observed on March 26.

Mothering Sunday falls on March 30 this year – which is the fourth Sunday of Lent and has traditions dating back to the 16th Century. It was a special day when mothers throughout the land would be presented with spring flowers at church services by their children, to thank them for all of the care and love they have given them throughout the past year. Today we celebrate it in similar style.

During bygone times, Oranges and Lemons Day was a celebration on March 31, when children would recite the

nursery rhyme in churches, sometimes ringing hand bells as entertainment.

They would then be presented with an orange and a lemon after the service around a table in the church grounds.

March is known as the windy month with a traditional proverb from Weatherlore: March Winds, April Showers, Bring forth May flowers.

Another saying which does not fill us with hope for the months ahead states: As it rains in March, so it rains in June.

The final three days in March were said to have been borrowed from April, an old custom relating to the lending of sheep.

Traditional games played for hundreds of years throughout Lent include marbles and skipping. Marbles traditionally came in the form of hazelnuts, cherry stones, pebbles, round balls of baked clay or eggs which were rolled until the stroke of midnight on Good Friday.

Wales is shrouded with tales of folklore, mystery and ghosts, and the month of March maintains this tradition:

At the dead of night on March 1 (St David's Day) the eerie sound of phantom singing can be heard bellowing out from churches across the land. People who hear this are said to be surrounded by luck for the year ahead.

The first full moon of spring seems to attract serene images of a ghostly army marching aimlessly along country roads. Carrying glowing torches of fire, their silhouettes disappear into oblivion.

After the ferociousness of winter, on misty mornings in March, the hazy image of a stricken ship can be seen around the coast of Porthcawl.

Said to resemble a galleon, this creepy ship only appears every 10 years. Perhaps this disturbing image is making the living aware of its fate on the anniversary of its sinking.

Fact or fiction? It's up to you to decide...

HAYLEY WILLIAMS

'MAKE ST DAVID'S DAY A BANK HOLIDAY IN WALES'

A NEW handbook released in time to celebrate St David's Day encourages its readers to put pressure on the Government to make Wales' national day a bank holiday.

Gwnewch y Pethau Bychain - Do the little things (Y Lolfa) contains hundreds of little ideas, with far-reaching consequences, that everyone can do to ensure a Wales of which they are proud.

The book's title is inspired by the patron saint of Wales' most remembered message: "Do the little things that you have seen and heard from me."

St David's Day has been a national festival in Wales since the 18th century, and is still marked with gusto.

"We should put pressure on the Government to make St David's Day a bank holiday, and should be celebrated as prominently as Bastille Day is in France," reads an extract from the handbook, which has been edited by Ffion Heledd Gruffudd, Welsh Language Officer at Cardiff Council.

"The inspiration for this book was yet another conversation about the fate of the Welsh language and Welsh identity and the obvious need to do something in order to address the situation," explains Ffion.

"Why should we wait for the politicians and our government to take a stand, while witnessing the decline and becoming more frustrated?"

"It was time to stop talking and take action, so I decided to write a book to help us play a part today, now – while we wait."

"Welsh speakers, non-Welsh speakers, newcomers and the old faithful, this book is relevant to all of us here in Wales, the ones who love this country, who want to see the language thriving and our sense of national pride increasing."

From supporting Welsh businesses to tweeting or starting conversations in Welsh, the handbook is packed with useful advice to support all things Welsh.

For example, if every Cardiffian who identified themselves as being Welsh in the last Census adopted just one of the book's ideas, 60 per cent of the capital's cars would have a Welsh dragon sticker on them!

"It's a great pleasure for me to support 'doing the little things' for the Welsh language," says leading international rugby referee, Nigel Owens.

"Some have been unhappy with the fact that I speak Welsh with the players, but I'm only doing what comes naturally to me. It would be great if we could get more coaches and players to teach rugby in Welsh."

St. David's Day Family Funday
Saturday 1st March 11am - 3pm
Palmerston Community Learning Centre
Cadoc Crescent, Barry, CF63 2NT

Come along to celebrate play in Wales with lots of free play opportunities for all the family.

For more information please contact The Play Development Team on 01446 761869 OR playdevelopment@valuedglamorgan.gov.uk

This event is funded by Welsh Government.

Ten years on, male voice choir returns to the Tabernacle!

A SPECIAL concert celebrating St David's Day will raise funds for the Living Room Cardiff.

It will feature Côr Meibion Taf Male Voice Choir and will be held at Tabernacle Welsh Baptist Chapel in the Hayes, Cardiff, on Friday, February 28 at 7.30pm.

Côr Meibion Taf was formed in 2004 by Rob Nicholls when around 20 men gathered in the same Tabernacle Chapel, The Hayes, Cardiff, with the intention of establishing a Welsh medium male choir in the capital city.

Since its inception, the choir has grown to include over 70 members, with many of the original crew remaining within its

rank.

It has won first prize at the National Eisteddfod on two occasions, and performed many times on radio and television in Wales and abroad. The choir appeared on Spanish television while on tour there in 2011.

It is regularly invited to perform in concert for various charitable causes, and has sung many times at the Millennium Stadium as the invited choir before international rugby matches.

It has appeared on stage at the Royal Albert Hall, London as part of the bi-annual London Welsh Festival of Male Chorus.

Wynford Ellis Owen, chief executive, Living Room Cardiff, said: "I am extremely grateful to Côr Meibion Taf Male Voice

Choir for their readiness to perform as part of what promises to be a very special fundraising event in aid of the important work of Living Room Cardiff."

The Living Room Cardiff, based in Richmond Road, is a community-based recovery centre that has an "all addictions" approach and welcomes anyone who needs support taking that first step towards recovery or wanting to maintain their ongoing recovery.

Living Room Cardiff also provides advice and support for family members, partners and friends who have been affected by these addictions.

Tickets are priced at £5 and available to purchase from the Living Room Cardiff on 029 2049 3895 or at the door on the night.

Côr Meibion Taf yn dychwelyd i'r Tabernacl ar ôl deng mlynedd er budd Stafell Fyw Caerdydd

MAE cyngerdd arbennig ar y gweill i ddathlu Dydd Gŵyl Dewi a fydd yn codi arian i Stafell Fyw Caerdydd. Cewch fwynhau noson yng nghwmni Côr Meibion Taf yng Nghapel y Tabernacl, yr Ais, Caerdydd ar nos Wener Chwefror 28ain am 7.30pm.

Ffurfiwyd Côr Meibion Taf yn 2004 gan Rob Nicholls pan gasglodd ugain o ddyddion at ei gilydd yng Nghapel y Tabernacl, yr Ais, Caerdydd gyda'r bwriad o sefydlu Côr Meibion Cymraeg yn y brifddinas. Ers hynny, mae'r côr wedi tyfu i gynnwys mwy na saith deg o aelodau, ac mae nifer o'r criw

gweiddiol yno o hyd.

Maent wedi emill y wobwr gyntaf yn yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol ddwy waith ac maent wedi perfformio ar y radio a'r teledu droeon yng Nghymru a thramor. Ymddangosodd y Côr ar deledu Sbaen pan oeddent yn teithio yno yn 2011.

Mae Côr Meibion Taf yn derbyn gwahoddiad yn rheolaidd i berfformio mewn cyngherddau er budd achosion elusennol o bob math. Maent wedi canu nifer o weithiau yn Stiadiwm y Mileniwm fel côr gwadd ar ddechrau gemau rygbi rhyngwladol ac maent wedi perfformio ar lwyfan y Royal Albert Hall yn Llundain yn rhan o Wyl Corau Meibion Cymry Llundain.

Meddai Wynford Ellis Owen, Prif Weithredwr, Stafell Fyw Caerdydd: "Rwy'n hynod o ddi-

olchgar i Gôr Meibion Taf am eu parodrwydd i berfformio yn y cyngerdd sy'n addo bod yn noson godi arian arbennig iawn er budd gwaith pwysig Stafell Fyw Caerdydd."

Mae Stafell Fyw Caerdydd, ar Ffordd Richmond, yn ganolfan adferiad yn y gymuned sy'n derbyn a chroesawu pobl â chaethi-wed o unrhyw fath sydd angen cefnogaeth i gymryd y cam cyntaf tuag at wellhad neu sydd eisiau dal ymlaen i wella.

Hefyd, mae Stafell Fyw Caerdydd yn croesawu ac yn cynghori a chefnogi aelodau teulu, partneriaid a chyfeillion unrhyw un sydd â chaethi-wed o'r fath.

Pris y tocynnau yw £5 ac maent ar gael i'w prynu o Stafell Fyw Caerdydd ar 029 2049 3895 neu gallwch eu prynu ar y drws ar y noson.

LLANTWIT UNDER-9S ARE BACK IN ACTION

AFTER a two week break due to bad weather, Llantwit Major under-9s were back on the pitch, hosting Bridgend Sports RFC and Llanharan RFC.

The first game was against a strong Bridgend Sports outfit. Both sides were defending their line well with amazing tackles put in by Llantwit's Iwan and Sam A but Bridgend Sports were first to break through and score.

Llantwit played well defensively, keeping on the ball, pushing the play back, and forcing an error from Bridgend allowing Sam H to intercept a pass and score Llantwit's first try.

Bridgend pushed Llantwit to defend hard as a team. Bridgend did

make another break through Llantwit's line to take the score to 2-1 only a few minutes before time.

Llantwit had a quick talk, then got back on the pitch. They pushed themselves, passing between players, making space for Sam H to get over the try line again, to bring the final score to 2-2.

The next match was against Llanharan. Llantwit started this match running hard, with Sam A, Logan and Sam H quickly scoring.

Llanharan made some great passes between their players, but Llantwit's defence worked hard and closed everything down.

Excellent tackles were played by Iwan and Josh, preventing Llanharan from scoring. Llantwit worked hard, passing between each

other, allowing tries to come from Josh and Dylan M.

Due to Llantwit's squad size, they were able to bring on fresh legs; this opened up the field making way for more tries from Josh, Sam A, Sam H and the game's final try coming from Corey in the last few seconds of the game. The final score was 10-0 to Llantwit; fantastic play from all players.

Man of the match was Iwan Thomas for his fantastic tackling and defensive work.

Squad: Iwan Thomas, Sam Harry, Sam Alexander, Tom Roberts, Logan Pike, Corey Lougher, Josh Wakeham, Dylan Wright, Dylan Morgan, Caleb Beare and, playing his debut match, Will Squance.

Netball teams make it through to regional final

THE Penarth Netball League, which is organised by the Vale Council's Dragon Sport Team in partnership with Welsh Netball, provides fun netball opportunities in a non-competitive environment to help the year 5 and 6 pupils develop their skills.

However, in the final few weeks, schools compete against each other to gain entry into the area finals competition run by Welsh Netball.

The first round of play-off matches were decided last week by goal differ-

ence, with Cogan progressing because of a superior goal difference over Evenlode, having battled through highly competitive matches between the two schools and Ysgol Pen-Y-Garth.

The second round of play-off matches were between St Andrew's Major, Albert and Victoria Primary Schools.

It all came down to the last match between St Andrew's and Victoria, with the latter coming out victorious, 5-2.

The two winning schools, Victoria Primary and Cogan Primary, will now represent the Vale in the regional final competition on April 8 at Cardiff University's Talybont Sports Campus.



Action from the Penarth Netball League.

Barry darts round-up



Gillian Edwards and Dianne Bushen.

PREMIER league leaders, the Cwm Talwg, suffered a surprise upset this week, losing 5-4 away to the Dartonians.

Wayne Harris hit a 108 outshot during the match. BFC Allsorts went to the top of the league with a 8-1 victory over the Billy Ghosts, Nick Price hitting a 180.

The Plastics C were away to the Park Weasels, where they had a narrow 5-4 victory even though they were a player short.

The Poachers kept up the pressure on the leaders with a 7-2 win over the Windsor Nomads, Jon

Hurn, Richie Williams and Gareth Owens all hitting 180s during the game.

In the First Division, the Throws of Despair extended their lead at the top with a 6-3 win over Pat's 26s; Chris Lawday hit a 180 and 117 out shot and Emma Williams hit her first competitive 180 and 80 out shot.

On Friday, February 14, Gillian Edwards won the ladies singles for the second year running. Gill beat Dianne Bushen in the final so congratulations to both ladies and thanks to all who turned up on the night.

RL

The Assembly helps 221 ex-Remploy workers find jobs

TWO years after the UK Government closed the Remploy factories, the Welsh Government has said it has helped 221 former employees to find new jobs.

The nine Remploy

sites in Wales used to employ an estimated 400 people before moves to close the factories in early 2012.

In response, the Welsh Government established the Employer Support Grant (ESG) scheme to offer financial support for employers looking to provide work to eligible

disabled Remploy workers. The policy is supported with more than £2 million of funding.

An Assembly spokesperson said yesterday that latest figures show 221 former Remploy workers have now found new jobs with support from the grant.

The panel that decides who receives support has also approved 173 more posts, giving hope to those still searching for work.

New jobs were created in Bridgend, Merthyr Tydfil, Swansea, and Porth.

A number of new enterprises, founded by disabled former Remploy staff, were also supported by the Welsh Government.

These include Accommodation Furniture Solutions Limited in Swansea and E-Cycle Limited in Porth and a number of small and micro enterprises.

Communities and Tackling Poverty Minister, Jeff Cuthbert, said:

"The UK Government's decision to close all the Remploy factories was the wrong decision at the wrong time for staff in Wales.

"That is why we took action to step in and help those who suddenly found themselves facing an uncertain future.

"It is great to see that with our support, 221 former Remploy workers now find themselves with new jobs in a range of businesses, from new start-up firms to small enterprises, demonstrating the spirit of Remploy staff and the commitment of the Welsh Government.

"Employers have praised our employer support grant for its accessibility and swift, transparent process.

"We will continue to work tirelessly to help all those affected by the closure of Remploy to find fulfilling and accessible employment," he said.



Dennis Mottram and Jane Brook.

The latest results from Barrivale Bridge Club are as follows:

February 18 – first, Bryn Gough and Dave Reed (66.67 per cent); second Peter Millar and Mark Rod-erick (62.50); third Kay Dyer and Noelle Bond (61.81).

Bryn and Dave also won on handicap Jane Brook and Denis Mottram were the winners of the Denis Mottram Trophy for mixed pairs.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. Telephone 01446 418380 or 01446 733425, or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

MB

Scorpions to entertain Stags

SOUTH Wales Scorpions have been drawn at home to fellow Championship 1 side Hemel Stags in the third round of the Tetley's Challenge Cup.

The tie is expected to be played on Sunday, March 16, at Maesteg RFC with a 3pm kick-off.

New Scorpions coach Mike Grady was pleased that his side have a home game.

"Anyone we would be facing in this round would be tough," he said. "But at least we're at home and it's someone in our division so we're in with a chance."

South Wales Scorpions season tickets can be bought by going to www.scorpionsrl.com. Match tickets for their first game of the season when they entertain Oldham Roughyeds on Sunday, March 2, can also be bought.

IG

Who wants to build what and where in the Vale?

Mr Gwynfor Roberts - 10 Fforest Drive, Barry - proposed single storey rear extension.

Dr Rupert Smith - 50 Cog Road, Sully, Penarth - proposed single storey extension - orangery style.

Mr Nick Turley - 29 High Street, Cowbridge - external alteration works.

Vodafone Ltd - land at St Cyres School, St Cyres Road, Penarth - proposed base station installation. Upgrade works to existing base station.

Mr Christopher Hoare - Llanccadle Farm, Llanccadle - amendment to planning approval 2011/01227/FUL to retain the stable block attached to barn four and to regularise discrepancies between the approved plan and as built.

Dr Alistair Reeves - 51 Plas Taliesin, Penarth - enlarge window to form inward opening Juliette balcony door and balustrade.

Ms Susan Burge - 97 Plymouth Road, Penarth - the erection/construction of a store shed at the rear of the property. This is to be situated in the corner of the garden furthest from the house. It is intended for domestic use only. The construction of this store shed will be completed so as to be in keeping with an existing garage situated at the opposite corner at the rear of the property.

Drs David and Alison Hughes - 3 Rectory Road, Penarth - demolition of single storey concrete framed extension addition to house, construction of lean-to canopy on side of house, insertions of traditional style win-

dows into top floor front elevation, changing front elevation windows to traditional vertical sliding sash style windows.

Mr Godfrey Llewellyn - Tinkinswood, Dyffryn Lane, St Nicholas - T5 - Beech - lift crown over the road by removing the crossing/rubbing branch and the partially decayed branch; T2 - fell oak.

Ms Joanne Roberts - 114 Cornerswell Road, Penarth - variation of condition 2 of planning permission 2012/00315/FUL (retention of use of garage for cake making business, B1 use) to allow extension of operating days.

Mr B Llewellyn - 1 The Limes, Cowbridge - proposals for a rear extension part single and part two storey.

Deborah Bradley and Victoria Pearce - Waterway Cottage, The Limes, Cowbridge - two storey extension to side (renewal of 2009/00188/FUL).

Shaun Whyman - in front of British Telecom Telephone Exchange, Mill Road, Dinas Powys - installation of one Openreach Broadband cabinet with the public highway.

Mr and Mrs Paul and Vicky Greest - Lanrest, Peterston Super Ely - single storey rear extension.

Mr Maurice Carter - 23 Slade Close, Sully - two storey side extension, dormer and porch.

R Bradshaw and Sons - Wallas Farm, Ewenny, Bridgend - steel portal framed farm building with steel roof and side cladding.

Mr Paul Oakley - 11 Kinsley Close, Sully - two storey side extension.

Mr Lewis - 2 Wesley Street, Llantwit Major - conservatory to the rear elevation.

Mr Sadler - 12 Doniford Close, Sully - glazed roof entrance porch to front of dwelling.

Mr Y Maskeen - Sunrise News and Food, 32 Vere Street, Barry - change of use of existing ground floor retail shop to domestic accommodation to be incorporated into existing residential unit comprising one four bedroom dwelling house.

Mr C Williams - 40 Longmeadow Drive, Dinas Powys - reduce crown of oak (front) by approximately 30 per cent.

Miss Pauline Brown - 3 Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry - proposed rear extension, plus internal alterations to remodel the dwelling.

Mr Steve Prewett - Tyn Y Cae, Trepit Road, Wick - a small extension to the rear of the existing property, the addition of dormer windows to the first floor to create additional bedroom area and bathroom, the extension of the first floor partially over the existing structure to the north facing elevation.

The re-modelling of the existing garage to increase off road parking.

Dr Sarah Hale - 151 Lavernock Road, Penarth - single and two storey rear extension and new garage.

Mr John Smith - Wenvoe Service Station and West Cross, Port Road, Wenvoe - erection of three dormer bungalows on site currently used for repair of motor vehicles and residential land.

Mr Glyn George - Y Felin Fach, Monknash - proposed extension to existing camping facility/office/café/tea room and store, tourist information area to serve campsite. Re-arrangement of accommodation in existing building to re-locate utility room and creation of kitchen.

Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Woolley - 7 Albert Crescent, Penarth - proposed single storey extension to rear and side.

Mr Alistair Pauline - 5 Llantwit Major Road, Cowbridge - proposed two storey residential extension and new detached garage.

Waterstone Homes and Action for Children - Ardwyn, Pen Y Turnpike Road, Dinas Powys - demolition of existing buildings, construction of nine dwellings and associated works.

Mr and Mrs Barry - 3 The Mount, Dinas Powys - single storey extension to bungalow.

Dr Kate Watts - Paradwys, Llanquian Road, Aberthryn, Cowbridge - amendment to approved plans 2006/01789/FUL, including changes to basement size; shape and size of windows with additional windows on east elevation; and changes to internal layout.

Coverttravel Ltd, c/o JNC Sales - Stardust Amusements, Paget Road, Barry - alteration to entrance doorways to arcade and provision of external illumination to ex sign.

Mr Derek Bladen - Weycock Barn, Doghill Farm, Dyffryn - proposed extension to form conservatory/living room.

Chess championship is now in full flow

THE fourth round of the Barry Chess Club Championships have recently taken place and a further eight matches were played.

There were no real surprises with all of the games going in line with the respective players ratings. The table is now taking shape and of the six stronger players who are only eligible for the main event, five of them hold the top five places.

Craig Woolcock leads the table on tie break from Ashley Davis; both players currently have 3.5 points from 4 matches. Our two draw specialists Lee Davis and Kevin Gandy are the only other players unbeaten up to this point.

The Plate competition is very close with only tie breaks separating Ken Hannah, Sam White, Martin Ricketts and Kevin Gandy; all of these players hold 2.5 points at this stage.

At the lower end of the scale the Bowl is equally close with John Stephenson, Dave Mahoney and myself on 1.5 points. Perhaps the most significant point is that every player has managed to avoid defeat on at least one occasion so no one stands on 0 points. The fifth round is scheduled for March 13.

In the East Glamorgan Chess League, three of our teams had matches. The Camelots played on the same night as the Quarks and this meant that the Quarks team was weaker than usual.

Before their game the sole aim of the Quarks was to avoid a whitewash. This should have been difficult as the opposing team from Bridgend was rated on average 283 points above the Quarks on every board.

However the Quarks turned in an excellent performance with Sam White, John Stephenson and me all earning draws. Windsor Lewis also put in a good shift and although he

had a better position than his opponent, time got the better of him.

The Camelots took on the team immediately above them in the league table, the Cardiff Monarchs, and earned a 3-2 victory.

The top three boards manned by Lee Davis, Craig Woolcock and Rhys Steele bringing victories for the Barry team. These were all good victories against opponents with similar ratings.

While on the lower two boards we were unsuccessful we were against higher rated opponents so the result was a good one for Barry.

Finally there was a table top clash when the Bosons travelled to Cardiff to take on perennial champions the Cardiff Castles. Wins for Steve Cunliffe, Rhys Steele and a draw for Dave Parsons saw us share the spoils.

We remain the only team not to have lost to the Castles this season as we also drew the reverse fixture in Barry.

So, with four rounds of games still to play the Bosons remain in second place still only 1.5 points behind the Castles.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

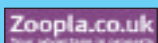
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New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

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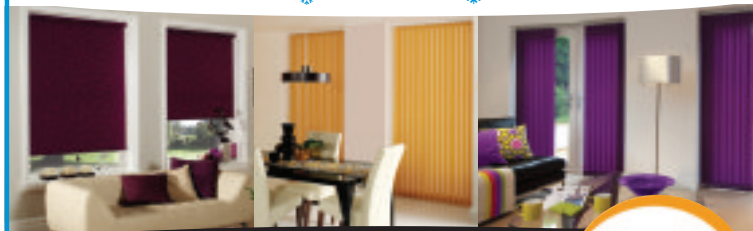
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DEERE
Eleanor Maureen

Peacefully on 24 February 2014, Maureen of Llantwit Major. Dearly loved wife of the late Norman and loving mother of Paul & Phil, much loved grandmother and great grandmother.

Funeral service on Monday 3rd March at 2.00pm in St. Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major followed by interment at Boverton Cemetery.

Family flowers only, but donations may be made to St. Illtud's Church Fund c/o the Funeral Director (cheques only please).

DAVIES
Edwina Rees

Peacefully on the 16th February 2014, in her 99th year, Edwina Rees, the dearly beloved wife of the late Emlyn Glyndwr (Glyn), formerly of Church Close, Llanblethian. Devoted mother of Roger Michael and Richard Alan, dear mother-in-law of Melanie, Hillary and the late Karin, loving gran of Lizann, Phil and Chris, cherished great grandmother of Benjie and Elodie. Edwina will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at Glanafan Court Funeral Home until funeral service Monday, 3rd March at St John the Baptist Church, Llanblethian at 2pm, followed by committal at Coychurch Crematorium at 3.15pm.

Family flowers please by request but donations if so desired to Ty Hafan (cheques only please) and all enquiries to Condon Funeral Service, 50 Margam Road, Margam, Port Talbot, SA13 2BN, tel 01639 883688.

Joan Lewis
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Mum on 1st March

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Doris Mary

Peacefully on Wednesday, February 12, Doris (aged 92 years) of Barry, devoted wife of the late Barrie, a wonderful, loving and generous mother, grandmother and great grandmother, who will be greatly missed by her loving family and friends.

Funeral service will take place on Friday, February 28 at Porthcawl Cemetery at 2pm. Further enquiries to Duncan Thomas of Evan E Thomas and Sons, Southlands Funeral Home, South Road, Porthcawl CF36 3DA. Telephone 01656 783383.

HOLLOWAY
Margaret Annette

Suddenly on February 17th, Margaret sadly passed away at A&E, University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff. Beloved sister of Brian, Freda and John, loving aunty Mags to nephews and nieces.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Monday March 3rd, service and cremation 12.45pm at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. No flowers by request, donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation, c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, CF62 3EZ.

CLARK
Gordon Henry Thomas

Gordon passed away peacefully on February 18th 2014. Beloved husband to Rosemarie, father to sons Colin and Derek, father in law to Cathy and Carolyn, grandfather to Chloe and husband Martin and great grandfather to Ben & Sam.

Rest in peace.

The family would like to thank the staff at Llandough Hospital for the care and support they gave to Gordon during his passing days. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday, March 4th, service 2.30pm at St Athan Church, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 3.45pm. All are welcome to attend. No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired to Alzheimers Research UK c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, CF62 3DZ.

WILLIAMS
Roger

Suddenly on 14th February, Roger aged 81 years of Llantwit Major. Beloved husband of Pauline. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and many friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, Pembroke House, Llantwit Major until The Requiem Mass in Our Lady & St. Illtud Roman Catholic Church on Friday, 28th February at 1pm, afterwards to Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only please, if wished donations to either the British Heart Foundation or Cancer Research UK (cheques only please) c/o the funeral director.

HUISH
Pauline Gordon - 'Polly'
25/02/49-27/02/12

Treasured memories of our darling Polly, who we sadly lost two years ago today. Always in our thoughts and hearts, with love from all the family.

DAVIES
Betty Cynthia (née Garrett)

Peacefully in her sleep at the Ochil Nursing Home, Perth, Scotland on 23rd February 2014, aged 88 years. Dearly loved wife of the late Ernie Davies of 4 Andrews Court, Llantwit Major. Beloved mum of Yvonne, mother-in-law, grandmother and great granny. Service to be held in Perth Scotland, family flowers only.

PALLING
Clive (Topsy)

Suddenly at home on Wednesday, February 19 in Llantwit Major, Clive, much loved brother to Brenda and Angela, loving uncle to his nieces and nephews. Will be missed by all his friends and his dog Prince.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium, Thursday, March 6, 2014, at 11.30am.

Family flowers only, but donations in lieu of flowers if desired to the British Heart Foundation.

MAYLE
Raymond John

Passed away peacefully after a bravely fought illness, beloved husband of Valerie, much loved Dad to Karen and Alun, a treasured Grandad to Joshua, Alice, Oliver, Lucy, Morgan, Megan and Nikita. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Funeral service on Thursday March 6, 2014, in St David's Church, Laleston at 2.45pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 3.45pm.

Donations in lieu may be sent to either Parkinsons UK, 215 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, SW1V 1EJ, or Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research, Room 182, 7th Floor, BC Link, Department of Haematology, School of Medicine, Heath Park, Cardiff CF14 4XN.

All further enquiries to Rosemount Funeral Home, 19 Coychurch Road, Bridgend. Telephone 01656 653156.

P.G.H.
25.2.14

I've wandered to your resting place to leave you flowers with my love and care and whispered 'Happy 65th Birthday Polly' and hope you know Jack's been there.

But this is the day of memories we hold deep within our hearts, of the bestest sister who left us two years ago today, when the sadness came and tore our family apart.

Miss you more than ever,
Sandra and Keith xxx

LAMB
Anne Marjorie 'Nancy'

Passed away on January 29. Funeral services were held at Penmark Church on February 17.

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HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY
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Dyddiedig 27 Chwefror 2014

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NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER SECTION 119 HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(PUBLIC PATH NO.5 ST DONATS) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2013

On the 17th day of February 2014 The Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above Order. The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the public footpath as set out in the Schedule and shown in the Order map.

A copy of the confirmed Order and Order map may be seen at the address below free of charge between 9:00am and 4:00pm on weekdays from 27th February 2014 until 10th April 2014. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at a price of £4.50.

This Order comes into force on the 27th February 2014, but if any person aggrieved by the Order desires to question its validity or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the above Act, or on the ground that any requirement of that Act or any regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he/she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from the date on which the Notice is first published make an application to the High Court.

Dated this 27th day of February 2014

Director of Development Services
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Dyddiedig 27 Chwefror 2014

NOTICE OF MAKING OF AN ORDER (OTHER THAN AN ACQUISITION EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER) HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 5 LAVERNOCK) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2014

The above order, made on the 17th day of February 2014, under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, will divert the Public Footpath No 5 Lavernock from the alignment A-B-C-D (NGR 317830 168210 to NGR 317459 167846) to the alignment A-E-F (NGR 317830 168210 to NGR 317536 168063) as shown on the order map.

A copy of the order and the order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at The Docks Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the order and map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

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Dated this 27th day of February 2014

RHYBUDD O WNEUD GORCHYMYN (AC EITHRIO GORCHYMYN DIDDYMU HAWLIAU O DAN DDEDDF CAFFAEL TIR) DEDDF PRIFYRDD 1980
CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (LLWYBRAU CYHOEDDUS 1 (RHAN), 2 (RHAN) a 7 (RHAN) LLANILLTUD FAWR)
GORCHYMYN DIDDYMU LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS 2014



Bydd y gorchymyn uchod, a wnaethpwyd ar 17 Chwefror 2014, o dan Adran 118 Ddeddf Prifffyrdd 1980, yn diddymu Lwybrau Cyhoeddus 1 (rhan), 2 (rhan) a 7 (rhan) Llanilltud Fawr sy'n rhedeg rhwyng Pwynt N (CGC 295510 167546) a Phwynt R (CGC 295562 167493); Pwynt A (CGC 295866 167415) a Phwynt S (CGC 295709 167441); a Phwynt T (CGC 295510 167546) a Phwynt P (CGC 295591 167569) fel y'i dangosir ar fap y gorchymyn.

Mae copïau o'r gorchymyn a map y gorchymyn wedi'u gosod, a chechw eu gweld yn rhad ac am ddim yn Swyddfa'r Doc, Dociau'r Barri, Y Barri, CF63 4RT yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Cewch brynu copïau o'r map a'r gorchymyn yn y fan honno am £4.50.

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Os na ddaw sylwadau neu wrthwynebiadau i law, neu os caiff y rhai a dderbyniwyd eu tynnu'n ôl, bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg yn rhydd i gadarnhau bod y gorchymyn yn ddilwrthwynebiad. Os caiff y gorchymyn ei anfon at Weinidogion Cymru ar gyfer ei gadarnhau, bydd y sylwadau a'r gwrthwynebiadau nas tynnwyd yn ôl, yn cael eu hanfon ar yr un pryd.

Dyddiedig 27 Chwefror 2014

NOTICE OF MAKING OF AN ORDER (OTHER THAN AN ACQUISITION EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER) HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
PUBLIC FOOTPATHS NO 1 (PART), 2 (PART) & 7 (PART) LLANTWIT MAJOR PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER 2014

The above order, made on the 17th day of February 2014, under Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980, will extinguish the Public Footpaths Nos 1 (part), 2 (part) & 7 (part) Llantwit Major running from Point N (NGR 295510 167546) to Point R (NGR 295562 167493); Point A (NGR 295866 167415) to Point S (NGR 295709 167441); and Point P (NGR 295510 167546) to Point P (NGR 295591 167569) as shown on the order map. A copy of the order and the order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at The Docks Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the order and map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

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Llantwit Major under-16s will be heading off to the Catalan region soon.

LLANTWIT UNDER-16s SHOW OFF TOUR KIT!

LLANTWIT MAJOR RFC under-16s were presented with their tour kit before they head off to northern Spain to play two matches in the Catalan region.

The kit was presented to the squad by Andy Joy of Force Strength & Conditioning, who are one of the sponsors of the team.

The team would like to thank all those who have sponsored and supported them, and have made the tour possible.

The boys are bound to return with a lifetime's worth of stories to tell but all will be bound by the golden rule of tourists, "What goes on tour stays on tour".

TIM JONES

History on epic scale as Llantwit defeat Beaufort!

HISTORY continues to be made by the young Llantwit Major side that overcame visitors Beaufort to secure a place in the quarter final of the WRU SWALEC Bowl competition.

History had already been made by getting to the last 16 and it is with sheer delight that the journey continues.

When the draw was made, very little was known of Beaufort but due to inactivity through the inclement weather, coach Darren Joy was able to watch our opponents and this could have been crucial in taking the preparation up to another level.

Llantwit Major, in the same vein as Wales, had been extremely poor in their last game out and the coaching staff sought to put this right during two intense training sessions in the run up to the game.

The visitors, also a young side, came to Llantwit holding no fear as cup competitions are all about who performs on the day. The game started in a typical cup fashion with nerves on both sides as they tried to outwit each other.

Beaufort were by no means in awe of Llantwit who are in a higher division and sought to get the ball moving at every opportunity to their game maker at centre. Stern defence from Llantwit was the order of the day.

It was however, the

visitors who got on the scoreboard first by taking play into the 22 where a rolling maul could not be stopped and the visiting forwards drove over for a try that was converted.

In the past, an early try has seen Llantwit lose focus and forget the game plan but not on this occasion. There was no panic, just a steely resolve to put the score right. As the half drew to a close Llantwit pulled to a close Llantwit pulled from prolific points scorer Ryan Evans.

Just before halftime, Rob Carter received a yellow card and in a show of some consistency, two minutes later a Beaufort player also saw yellow for 10 minutes in the bin.

The final scoring of the half was by Beaufort as they slotted a penalty to lead 10-9.

The team talk at half-time was again simple, do the basics and the opportunities will come.

The second half saw Llantwit playing down the slope and with the wind at their backs. It was in the second half that the Llantwit pack began to get the upper hand until they were totally dominant.

It got to the point that it didn't matter who had the put in at the scrum because the pressure was such from the forwards that Llantwit generally came up with the ball, such was their ascendancy in this area.

The game continued at a pace and Llantwit finally broke the defence and with a two on one it

appeared that Llantwit took the wrong option by chipping over the top but on this occasion fortune favoured the brave and Laurence Howley crossed for a try that was converted by Ryan Evans.

The visitors, now looking devoid of ideas, gave away a number of penalties, one of which was converted from halfway line to give Llantwit a 19-10 lead.

To their credit Beaufort did not give up and gained a penalty of their own which they converted and gave the watching spectators a nervous 10 minutes.

However, Llantwit were not to be denied and quick line speed in defence meant Beaufort were caught on several occasions by the ferocity at the contact area.

Chris Fowler, Jack and Josh Austin were constantly forcing their opposite numbers into making mistakes.

Ryan Evans continued his rich vein of form and landed two further penalties to make the score a bit more comfortable for the home supporters.

Credit has to be given to Beaufort in that they came to play rugby and for a neutral it was an excellent advert for grass roots rugby.

It could be quite easy to say that the whole team deserved man of the match but on speaking with the coaches it was unanimous that on this occasion it would go to two players, Rob Carter and Richard Ingram.

A special mention has

to go to the coaching staff of Darren Joy, Graeme Williams, Dean Bunting and Simon Hill; the professionalism they show on and off the field preparing the team is second to none and something everyone involved in the club and the town should be proud of.

As the draw had already been made, Llantwit knew that they were due to face either Pyle or Cwmgor in the next round and this was confirmed as being Pyle. The quarter final will be held on Saturday, March 22, in Llantwit Major; mark it in your diary now to be part of the next chapter!

NE

Keen competition at Vale schools' basketball event



There was plenty of smiles for the winning schools at the Vale's annual 5x60 basketball tournament.

THE Vale's basketball talent took part in the annual 5x60 schools tournament as 10 teams, spread across six schools, arrived at Cogan Leisure Centre in Penarth.

After the success of the last year's competition, the girls' tournament saw more entries than ever. Five teams from Cowbridge, Stanwell and St Cyres took part in a round robin group, where each team played each other once.

Every fixture saw fiercely committed, highly competitive games with the emergence of raw talent, particularly from St Cyres and Cowbridge. This talent saw these schools competing for the trophy, coming down to last game.

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In group two, Bro Morgannwg came out on top, earning good wins against Barry Comprehensive and St Richard Gwyn, setting up what was sure to be a pulsating final.

The first half saw a nip and tuck contest with Stanwell and Bro Morgannwg frequently trading baskets.

However, the fitness and aggression of the boys from Bro Morgannwg saw them pull away early in the second half, never looking back as they stormed their way to the Key Stage 3 trophy.

Again, both teams will advance through to the regional finals.

Final score Porthcawl 14, Dinas Powis 48.

Dinas Powis RFC are next in action against Treharris on Saturday, March 8, 2.30pm kick off on the Common.

MH

Dinas RFC win on the road

AFTER the dismal weather of the past few weeks, it was a welcome change to see the sun shining high in the sky over Dinas Powys as the team prepared for the journey along the M4 to the home of the 'Seagulls' in Porthcawl.

An unfortunate delay in departure meant the players arrived at the ground just 40 minutes ahead of the expected kick off at 2.30pm. With the players being put through their paces in the warm-up, discussions were taking place behind the scenes as to whether or not the pitch was even playable. However after much deliberation all parties agreed that the match could proceed.

With a number of regular first team players unavailable for the encounter, the Villagers

took the opportunity to provide several of the talented youth team with their debut for the senior XV.

The visitors were by far the brighter side during the first half of the match and were rewarded handsomely with four quick and unanswired tries; Dan Evans, James Smith, Gavin Cooper and Tom Chapman all crossing the whitewash.

With James Smith's second try of the game just prior to the halftime whistle, the visitors score stood at a commanding 31-0.

The second half began in much the same as the first had finished with the men from the Vale managing to score an additional three tries with tenacious flanker Morgan Williams grabbing a brace.

However, the home team showed resilience scoring two tries of their own with relative ease. Their second was of par-

ticular concern for the coaching team of Dinas Powys as the Seagulls' fly-half dissected the Villagers' defence with apparent ease from 20 metres out.

Despite the disappointment at conceding 14 points, the much needed improvement in performance compared to the games of December and early January was heartening for the large contingent of travelling supporters.

The presence and performance of debutantes Liam Driscoll and Tom Baister, to-

gether with fellow youth captain Corey Imperato, was a huge boost to the senior team and a credit to the youth team coaches who work tirelessly to ensure the club has a bright and competitive future. All three played outstandingly with passion and commitment evident in every stride.

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CALLING ALL CLUB OFFICIALS

We welcome your match reports, club news and other items of interest - email us at: gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk

Dinas Powys look rusty as league leaders claim win

DINAS POWYS FC were glad to be back in action against Caldicot Town, with no matches since January 15 because of waterlogged pitches, but looked somewhat rusty against their high-flying hosts.

With a stiff breeze in their favour in was the hosts that settled first and an early free kick by Simon Crook found the head of Richard Sharrat but his header was wide of the mark.

Caldicot were keeping the ball much better than Dinas and most of the attacks were coming from them.

The visitors did force a couple of corners taken by Nicky Bruce but the Caldicot defence cleared the danger.

At the other end, a thunderous free-kick by Dan Saunders clipped the top of the crossbar and over and, from a corner, Sharrat planted a powerful header towards goal but again it hit the crossbar and went over.

The best chance of the half for Dinas came from a Carlos Indjai cross which found Dimitri Fallas in space, he got a shot away but it was wide of the left upright and the half finished goal-less with Caldicot dominating but failing to convert their numerous chances.

Connor Parsons was introduced at the start of the second period in place of Indjai to try and bolster the midfield battle for Dinas and they began getting more possession. However, stand-in keeper James Bloxham had to make a good save from ex-Dinas player Matt Trotman from a free-kick.

Then came the highlight of the game as far as Dinas were concerned. Tony Herrin picked the ball up some 25 yards from goal and unleashed a superb shot into the top corner of the

net to give the visitors the lead. This only lasted a few minutes when a pass from the left evaded Bloxham, leaving Trotman a simple tap-in at the far post for 1-1.

The hosts then took the lead when Dan Saunders broke through the Dinas rearguard for a one-on-one with the keeper and he made no mistake, sliding the ball past Bloxham from 10 yards. He almost repeated this a few minutes later but a last ditch clearance off the line by James Marr kept the score down.

Dinas then rang the changes with 20 minutes remaining, bringing on Ryan Garland and Joe Briscoe for Barry King and Dimitri Fallas who had both worked hard.

Dinas thought they had equalised when, from a Nicky Bruce free kick, Garland headed towards the far post but his effort was just wide of the upright with keeper Matt Saniford beaten.

Dinas keeper James Bloxham injured his back preventing a ball going out for a corner but was okay after lengthy treatment and the game ended with Dinas having a much better second half but unable to take anything from the game.

On March 1 Dinas entertain Undy Athletic at The Murch when kick off times revert to 2.30pm.

Squad: 1 James Bloxham, 2 Nicky Bruce, 3 Danny Street, 4 Dave Penikett, 5 James Marr, 6 Tony Herrin (1), 7 Paul Dawes (c), 8 Carlos Indjai, 9 Paul Penikett, 10 Dimitri Fallas, 11 Barry King, 12 Luke Swaffield, 14 Ryan Garland, 15 Joe Briscoe, 16 Connor Parsons, 17 Jonathan Dakin.

PK

Barry seconds maintain winning run

BARRY 2nd XV welcomed the visit of Clwb Rygbi Caerdydd as they attempted to stretch their winning streak to five.

Coach Rhidian Scott and manager Ken Chow recalled the fit-again Jordan Flynn at fly-half to partner Rhidian Mephram, and there was also a welcome return for Dave Hosking on the bench.

With the elements and the slope behind them in the first half, Barry got off to a quick start. The CRCC defence was finding it hard to handle the workrate of the Barry back row, with Miles and Goodfellow outstanding, while Flynn at stand-off utilised the ball-carrying power of Marvin Cordle and Dave Williams.

It was no surprise that Barry threatened the first score; after good drives from Adam Lee, Sion Vidal and Andy Corne, the ball was seemingly grounded for a try, only for the official to disallow it.

Undeterred, Barry soon returned to the visitors' 22, and this time good distribution from Mephram, a strong run from Vidal, and a perfectly-timed pass to

Ethan Dix saw him cross for the first try; Lee added the extras.

Clwb Rygbi attempted to counter Barry's physicality and power with some typically fluent link-up play, and they did make some inroads into the home half, but found the defence, marshalled by Lee Jones, Kyle Case, Goodfellow and Miles unrelenting.

The flow of the game was disrupted by the whistle-happy official, who was making some puzzling decisions which left both sets of players in the dark.

Neither side coped well in this part of the game, and the half drew to a close with Barry leading 7-0.

The management reminded the players of the importance of this match for the league season at the interval, and the words were still ringing in their ears when Barry stretched their lead.

Some good build up play in midfield saw Williams released, and he cut through the CRCC defence superbly, dummying the full-back before scoring under the posts; Lee added the extras.

With the game seemingly in the bag Barry took their foot off the pedal, and following the sin-binning of Andy Corne, the visitors scored two well-worked tries to reduce the deficit to 14-12. The game was back in the balance.

Barry showed great character and resilience to weather more pressure from the visitors, with all 15 men defending their line manfully.

Eventually the momentum of the game swung again, and following good work on the wing from Dix, ball was recycled for man-of-the-match John Miles to apply the finishing touch. Lee failed to add the extras.

Clwb Rygbi attempted one final push to earn themselves a draw, but their attack was snuffed out by some diligent Barry tackling, including a huge hit by Cordle on the fly-half, and the points stayed in Barry, the final score 19-12.

The 2nd XV will travel to Llandaff this weekend, while the 3rd XV visit Cardiff Quins.

Team: Lee; Dix, Cordle, Williams, Hamonda; Flynn, Mephram; Thomas, Vidal, Corne; Jones, Case; Goodfellow, Miles, Rolfe (c). Replacements: Hosking, Elsworth, White, Evans. Man-of-the-match: Miles.

KC

BRYNHILL LADIES GOLF RESULTS

JANUARY 14 - Audrey Phillips 20 points; February 1 - Linda Hewlett 24 points; February 18 - Shirley Lewis 21 points.

FIXTURE NIGHT Brynhill ladies met on February 4 to arrange their matches for the 2014 season.

Sheila Williams informed us about the rules of golf, followed by a quiz that was won by Anne Phillips and Shirley O'Donovan. Many of us will have to refer to our rule books again!

MEET FOR LUNCH

On February 18, nearly 40 ladies enjoyed lunch together after some brave souls played 10 holes.

The weather was kind although still wet underfoot, no problems for Shirley who won with 21 points.

Past captain Julie Harkin had raised money for Velindre Hospital during her year, and Pat Coghill has been collecting used stamps for the same charity.

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ABOVE: Carole Bumford and Shirley Lewis and BELOW: Julie Harkin and Pat Coghill.



Cowbridge under-8s shine in the sun

GLORIOUS winter sunshine provided a welcome change from the recent stormy weather and finally gave the Cowbridge under-8s the opportunity to play some rugby.

Team 1 started superbly against Whitechurch, with two quick tries, first from a determined run by James Collingridge followed by a dash to the corner by Joe Davies after good passing between him and James Lord.

Whitechurch scored but Cowbridge, clearly relishing being on the pitch, then began a purple patch running in seven unanswered tries. Henry Whitehouse, George Edgill and Henry Davies all got their names on the scoresheet, and demonstrated solid team work and passing skills in the build up to the tries, along with Joe Funtek and Ollie Gale.

James C and Joe D got their second tries, both as a consequence of consummate running. James Lord expertly capitalised on a mistake by the opposition to score in the corner, quickly followed by a typically forceful run from Ned Rees.

Whitechurch increased their pressure in the last quarter and scored four tries, but it was a convincing 9-5 victory for Cowbridge.

The second match saw Whitechurch open the scoring against the run of play but a set move crisply executed saw Sam Sheppard feed Osian Bruce on a scissors for a try in the left corner.

A mazy run from Mabli Davies led to Ben Stephenson scorching into the corner and first Osian and then Harry New added to their tallies from the earlier match.

Whitechurch, though, did not give up and scored further tries before Sam S jinked over short range from dummy half and Will Brennan went most of the length of the field to score a fine individual try.

Sam Jackson then ran with typical strength up the middle, Joe Arentsen took the offload and put Osian into the space to score the fifth try.

Whitechurch replied with two further tries but it was left to man of the day Harry New to cap the win with a long range solo try. Final score 8-6.

The encounter with Llanharan was far more keenly contested. Ned Rees opened the scoring after a period of sustained pressure, but Llanharan quickly responded.

However, Cowbridge were able to keep their noses just ahead throughout the match, firstly thanks to a push to the corner by Ioan Phillips.

Henry W sliced through the defence to score and another excellent pick up by James Lord led to a well-deserved try. Henry W concluded the scoring, ensuring another victory, much to the delight of the team.

A late try deep into added time at the end of a pulsating encounter broke Cowbridge hearts on Valentines weekend and saw Llanharan pip them at the post, 9-8.

The game had been end to end with the power game of the visitors contrasting with the width, variety and interplay of the Cowbridge boys. Llanharan opened the scoring before a five play passing sequence saw Osian Bruce finish in the corner.

Harry New showed his pace to score a first half hat trick of tries but each was matched by powerful Llanharan running through the middle.

The second half opened in similar fashion with Osian scoring twice after fine distribution from Sam Sheppard and Charlie Berkley-Smith and then Harry adding another with lung bursting sprints up the touch-line.

Sam S scored the last try, but even great tagging from Will Martin and Jacob Robson though could not keep Llanharan at bay and they finished the match a try ahead.

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GRADING SUCCESS FOR STUDENTS



ON Sunday, February 16, the Cadroxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do held their first colour belt grading of the year.

The grading took place at the Victoria Park Community Centre. The grading saw 24 students from as young as five years of age sitting the exam.

The grading was conducted by Master Ron Thomas, 8th Dan, and was a success with all 24 students passing their grading, four of which achieved top grade 'A' passes - Kurtis James, Jessica Blackley, Cian Allen and Joel Wels.

Joel was also the deserved winner of the club's grading shield. Successful candidates were:-

Promoted to 8th kupa Yellow belt: - Courtney James & Leo Cummins. Promoted to 7th kupa Green stripe: - Ethan Andrus, Cameron Evans, Thea Cunningham, & Maddison Allen.

Promoted to 6th kupa Green belt: - Alexandra Poulton, Lucia Cunningham, Brook Baker, Kelly Quigley & Alex Cunningham.

Promoted to 5th Kupa Blue Stripe: - Kurtis James, Martin James, Katie Watkins, Jessica Blackley, Ellie-Ann Osborne. Promoted to 4th Kupa Blue belt: - Mason Blackley.

Promoted to 3rd Kupa Red Stripe: - Joel Wels & Evan Baron. Promoted to 2nd kupa Red belt: - Jake Quigley, Daniel Quigley, Cian Allen, Demi Baker & Cody Jacobsen.

Pictured with their instructors and grading examiners are the successful candidates.

For further information, please phone (01446) 406372 or visit cadroxtontaekwondo.weebly.com.

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High-speed chef wins BARC award



Champions all: from left, Anthony Armelin, Jordan King, the British Formula Three Champion and Marc Mercer, Classic Formula Ford 2000 Champion.

AT a lavish ceremony hosted by the British Automobile Racing Club at the Chesford Grange Hotel, Warwickshire, on February 15, Cowbridge resident Anthony Armelin, proprietor of the Beech Tree Inn at Culverhouse Cross, was presented with his champion's trophy for winning the Classic Formula Ford 2000 Championship, Class B, for historic racing cars.

Anthony, a single-seater champion in the mid 1980s, and former instructor at the Silverstone Racing School, was

back on track last season for the first time in 28 years, racking up five wins along the way.

"I was truly humbled to be in such esteemed company. The BARC is the oldest motor racing club in the UK and has honoured so many great champions in the past, including Sir Stirling Moss, Sir Jackie Stewart and Nigel Mansell," he said.

Anthony will be competing with the Historic Sports Car Club this year and can be seen in action at some of the UK's most iconic circuits, including Silverstone, Brands Hatch and Oulton Park in Cheshire. The season opener is at Donington Park on April 6.

TRAINER EVAN IS 'STILL BELIEVING'!

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams has saddled more winners at Ludlow than any other trainer in the past five years.

Last Wednesday, his six-year-old *Still Believing* landed the Shukers Land Rover Handicap Hurdle to bring his total number of wins at the Welsh border track to 52.

He is way ahead of fellow Welshman Nigel Twiston-Davies, who has the second most number of wins.

A double on the day brought Nigel's total of wins to 18. *Still Believing*, partnered by Conor Ring, scored by one and a half lengths from the top weighted *Broadway Sympathy*.

TUDOR REIGNS

Cowbridge's James Tudor was in good form at the Cambridge University Draghounds Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Cottenham

BRIAN LEE

Cefn impress with win

ON a fine day for running rugby, both Cefn Club and Pontyclun put on a very entertaining match, with Pontyclun's much heavier and more experienced pack also contributing in open play.

Cefn blooded several new up and coming talents, including George Morgan who was solid at full back and showed a lot of pace when given space to run.

It was great to see Darris Lyddon, back to full fitness, showing his versatility, and his terrific ball handling skills from the lock position, alongside the experienced Gareth Raikes.

Cefn's young side ran out 51-10 winners, playing some scintillating rugby. Adam Lloyd was always a livewire at

scrum half, while young Tom Matthews shone alongside more experienced players such as Matt Diamond, Chris Bruno and Rob Matthews.

Pick of the scores were a fine individual effort from dynamic Rob

Curl following some excellent build up work with fine interpassing between forwards and backs, and the highlight of the day saw prop Bruno ending another fine build-up for a nice try under the posts.

SS

Vale table tennis academy launched

A new sports opportunity has been launched in the Vale, the Vale Table Tennis Academy.

George Evans, the former Welsh international table tennis player, has started a weekly junior session.

Funding of £600 to support the project came from the Vale of Glamorgan Community Chest Fund.

Session will be run every Wednesday at Cwm Talwg Community Centre from 6.30pm to 8pm.

George Evans said: "We are delighted to offer children the unique opportunity to learn and develop their table tennis skills in a fun and safe environment."

New members of all ages and abilities welcome, for more information contact George Evans on 01446 711297 or email Tanglewoodfive@aol.com.

Barry RFC see league points squandered after frustrating draw

LLANDAFF were the visitors to the Reservoir Field on Saturday where the weather gods were kind; it may have been windy, but no rain fell throughout the proceedings.

The visitors elected to play against the elements in the first session. Barry were first to disturb the scorers, via a well-struck penalty goal by Scott; a just reward for good early forward pressure.

It soon became clear that the Barry pack had the measure of their opponents and established a stranglehold on the set scrums right from the start. Unfortunately, not the same could be said of the line-outs, which were more evenly contested.

The home team's ascendancy in the tight scrummages was beginning to tell on the Llandaff half-backs. Following a heel against the head near the visitors' try line, Buckland swept over almost unopposed. Scott did his usual

Halfpenny impersonation in landing the conversion.

An enforced substitution by Barry saw Hadfield return to the field minutes before the interval. However, it was the away team who managed to reduce the deficit with a well-struck penalty to make the halftime score 10-3 at the break.

If Barry were to survive the second period against a slight breeze and up the slope they would need to play controlled and intelligent rugby.

It was soon apparent that the former was well within their capability, but the latter was absent at crucial junctures in the second 40 minutes.

With the Jones boys and Hadfield in the van, Barry began brightly and earned a chance for Scott to extend the lead; he did not disappoint.

A harsh yellow card to a home forward did little to dim their enthusiasm. Unfortunately for the visitors, the easy ensuing penalty was missed.

It was during the next period of

play that Barry lost the plot with some very naive defending. The home team were attacking on the right flank and all the backs were positioned on that side.

This released acres of unguarded ground on the left. Llandaff gained possession immediately spreading the ball into the empty spaces. They used their unmarked backs to engineer a good try near the posts.

Running up to full time, good work by Evans and Hollister could not prevent Llandaff squaring the scores with a late penalty kick.

This was an opportunity for a full haul of league points squandered.

Barry: Ryan, Adams, Buckland, Provis, Busitil, E Scott, Lee, H Jones (captain), Poole, O'Sullivan, Tanner, G Jones, Hollister, Evans, Lundy. Reps. Hadfield, Oaten, T Scott, Gallivan.

Next Saturday the visitors to the Reservoir Field are Llandaff North.

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Tournament win for netballers

LLANTWIT MAJOR school's year 9 netball team have won the Vale Tournament for the third year running.

They beat St. Richard Gwyn 17-1 and Stanwell 13-0 to set up a final match against Cowbridge who had also won both of their previous games.

A close final match was expected. Llantwit stormed into a 7-2 lead before Cowbridge fought back and at halftime Llantwit held on to a narrow 7-5 lead.

The second half was close with Cowbridge, initially levelling the scores but then Llantwit upped their game and finished the winners, 13-11.

Next up was Cardiff and Vale Schools preliminary rounds held at Cardiff University, Talybont. As Llantwit were runners up last year they were one of the four seeded teams, hoping to make it through to the county finals for the third year running.

Llantwit made light work of their matches



The tournament-winning Llantwit Major netballers.

winning all three convincingly. Llantwit beat Eastern High 14-2, Radyr 17-3 and St Tello's 15-4.

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Dragon finds its fire again to set up Twickenham showdown

BACK PAGE COMMENT by Don John

THE message for Welsh players before the championship-defining Six Nations match with France at the Millennium Stadium, on Friday evening, was unequivocal: "They need to start thinking – if I don't play well, it could be the last time I play for Wales" – head coach Warren Gatland said bluntly.

The forthright former All Black forward revealed: "I've had conversations with a couple of players and told them that their performance (in the lack-lustre 26-3 loss to Ireland two weeks earlier) wasn't good enough..."

"Hopefully, the players will respond, because it is important for us – not just in terms of this competition – but for a lot of those players to start thinking about the next 12 months and the Rugby World Cup."

A past master of applied psychology, Gatland's deliberately-chosen words were designed not only to ratchet up pressure on a team still in recovery from the Dublin horror show, but to raise the stakes on a clash with the unbeaten French that had more

than usual significance – if the lurking threat to Gatland's long-term recovery plan for Welsh rugby was not to be nipped in the bud.

Hence players who had so badly underperformed against the Irish were left in no doubt that Friday's set-piece battle with France could well be their rugby Waterloo, in terms of an international future with Wales, if that insipid display was repeated.

Which no doubt explained the energy and urgency they showed from the outset, charging full tilt into the startled enemy ranks and going 11 points up within 12 minutes through two penalties by Leigh Halfpenny (one from all of 45 metres); which sandwiched a try by wing-turned-centre George North, who followed up the full back's clever chip ahead and took advantage of a defensive *faux pas* to touch down and set the stadium alight.

Halfpenny for once failed to convert, and within minutes, France thought they too had scored – but the try was disallowed for a knock-on by Irish referee Alain Rolland (who had controversially sent off Wales' skipper Sam Warburton in the 2011 World Cup semi-final).

Lively scrum half Jean-Marc Doussain reduced the arrears with a penalty at the scrum – though there was to be no repeat of the torrid time a strangely lethargic Welsh pack endured in Dublin – as the rejuvenated front row of man-of-the-match Gethin Jenkins, Richard Hibbard and Adam Jones, laid down a marker for what was to prove a herculean effort up front that would spread through the ranks – and to which their shaken opponents ultimately had no answer.

The trio were powered in the second row engine room by dynamic new pairing Luke Charteris and the newly-drafted in Jake Ball, whose impressive first start performance amply demonstrated Wales' current strength in depth.

The front five's forceful efforts won a penalty at the scrum, again eagerly snapped up by Halfpenny, and when Doussain failed with a second penalty attempt, his side's kicking duties were taken over by outside half Jules Plisson – who narrowed the gap to 14-6 when this time Wales were penalised at the set-piece engagements, which were now patently testing referee Rolland's patience.

However, the 73,000-plus supporters who had braved a dank February evening in Cardiff, were clearly revelling in a galvanised, wholly-committed Welsh display rebuilt on a familiar iron-clad defence, but with added pace and intensity – due in no small measure to the backs thriving on a quick service from nippy new cap Rhys Webb at scrum half.

In this regard, media reports that the usual incumbent, Mike Phillips, had been 'dropped' from the team as a punishment following the Irish drubbing were somewhat misplaced, given that nowadays the 'team' comprises 23 – as underlined when he came on as a replacement in the second half.

(No doubt, though, Gatland saw it as a timely incentive for that famously-competitive individual to regain his starting slot!)

With the Welsh scrum and line-out holding firm, and the French eight unable to

gain the upper hand there or at the breakdown, where Warburton was having one of his best games for Wales, in tandem with Dan Lydiate and Taulupe Faletau, the visitors' efforts became ever more desperate. Two more penalty infringements saw Halfpenny take the score to 20-6 at half-time.

The changeover brought no change in French fortunes, with another missed penalty and attacks foundering on poor handling and an unyielding defence, with every Welsh hand at the pump – exemplified by outside half Rhys Priestland's brave

try-saving tackle on man mountain centre, Mathieu Bastareaud. Meanwhile, referee Rolland finally ran out of patience with repeated problems in setting the scrum and dispatched props Jenkins and Nicolas Mas to the sin bin – to be followed soon afterwards by No 8 Louis Pacamoles, as French frustration boiled over into indiscipline.

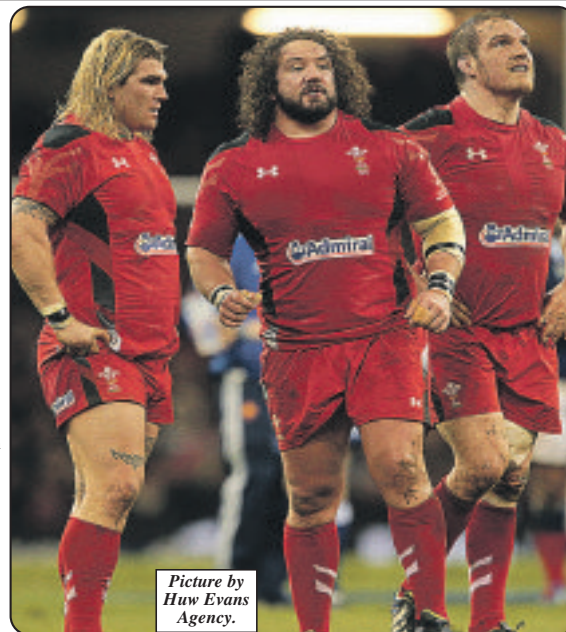
Halfpenny for once misjudged his penalty attempt but minutes later, Wales put the seal on a conclusive victory when Jamie Roberts carved his way imperiously through scattered defenders almost to the posts – with skipper Warburton fittingly on hand to complete the movement, stretching out at arm's length to place the ball on the try line.

Halfpenny slotted over the simple conversion to make the score 27-6 and with 10 minutes to full time, all remaining Welsh replacements came on, including at last, the ever-patient James Hook.

There was time for France to summon one last desperate attempt to storm the Welsh barricades, but to no avail. The defence, as ever, held firm and as the ball bobbed out of play, the final whistle sounded on a remarkable recovery that, while not perfect, sees buoyant Wales heading over the Severn in two weeks' time for a momentous showdown that could have a decisive bearing on the destination of the championship trophy.

England, with ambitions of their own, having narrowly disposed of Wales' conquerors Ireland by 13-10, will not be lacking in confidence in front of a packed-out Twickenham, and will be on a revenge mission after being denied last year's Six Nations title with a humiliating 30-3 defeat in Cardiff.

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ABOVE:
The Old Guard spearhead of the Welsh front row that laid the basis for victory over France.

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TANDOORI CHICKEN OR LAMB TIKKA BHUNA	£6.15
TANDOORI CHICKEN OR LAMB TIKKA CURRY	£5.65
MURGH MASALLA	£6.25
<small>Pieces of Tandoori Chicken or Lamb cooked with minced Meat, served in a thick spicy sauce.</small>	
<small>All Breast of Chicken</small>	
Our Specialities	
CHICKEN TIKKA MASALLA	£5.65
LAMB TIKKA MASALLA	£5.65
CHICKEN MAKHANI	£5.85
CHICKEN TIKKA CHILLI DRY & NAN	£7.25
CHICKEN TIKKA GARLIC DRY & NAN	£7.25
CHICKEN TIKKA ROGAN	£5.95
CHICKEN TIKKA PATHIA	£5.95
CHICKEN TIKKA DHANSAK	£5.95
CHICKEN OR LAMB TIKKA PASSANDA	£5.95

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